

Review

Initial comments, questions, and reactions about the sermon?

Main Points:

1. **You have an enemy.**
2. **You are in a battle.**
3. **You are only as vulnerable as you want to be.**

Reflect

Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

Questions:

1. What steps/preparations do you need to continually take to have healthy relationships, succeed at work, or maintain your home? Pick one that is most relevant to you. What happens when you slack in these responsibilities?
2. **Read Ephesians 6:10-12.** Does it feel like you are in a spiritual battle? Why or why not? What prevents you from seeing the spiritual warfare going on around you?
3. **Read Nehemiah 4:6-9.** Joe referenced Nehemiah as a person doing the will of God and experiencing spiritual warfare. Is there anything God has called you to do where you have experienced spiritual warfare? What was it and what helped you overcome and continue in obedience?
4. **Read Genesis 3:1-15.** Genesis 3 points to the ways that Satan tries to make us ineffective for God's kingdom. He has used the same plans and schemes throughout human history. It is why he is called the "Deceiver." What were the four plays that Satan runs against us, and what play do you think works most effectively on you?

Respond

Application.

Read Ephesians 6:13-18. How would your time with God change if you believed you were in a real spiritual battle? What does it look like for you to put on the armor of God, instead of just wearing a T-shirt, gym shorts and flip-flops, to go to war this week? How will this help you to be effective and not believe the lies of Satan?

Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together.

Dig Deeper

If you have time. Read Acts 14:8-23.

Questions:

1. What were Paul and Barnabas doing in this passage? How were they being obedient to God and what was the response of the people at Lystra?
2. What are some of the ways that spiritual warfare is involved in this passage? Think back to the four ways Satan tries to make us ineffective in question 4 on the previous page.
3. Do you think Paul and Barnabas had moments of doubt in these experiences? What armor of God from Ephesians 6, do you see them using in these experiences of Acts 14? What does this produce in them?
4. What do you think your response would be if you were in the same situation as Paul and Barnabas? What armor of God do you wear the least? How can you more effectively use this armor to be faithful to what God is calling you to and avoid doubt?

Announcements

Please share with your group! Encourage them to visit the CCC website to sign up or to get more information

1. Plan to invite friends and family to the **Christmas Concerts** Dec. 6-9. Visit ccchapel.com/events for more information. Tickets go on sale Nov. 19.
2. **Baptisms** will take place during all Sunday services in the East Hall and Sanctuary on the weekend of Dec. 30. If you'd like to get baptized or learn more about it, please register for the baptism class to take place Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Register at ccchapel.com/events.