

Unwritten

Your Story Is Just Beginning

Small Group Questions: Part 3: Writing Victory Into My Story

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Read

Ephesians 6:10-13

Reflect

Pastor Josh opened with the question: "Have you ever been in a battle that you didn't know was happening?" Discuss as a group occasions where this has happened. While this question may have brought up a variety of scenarios for those listening, it also highlighted a truth, that we as believers must remember. We are in a spiritual battle daily and need to be prepared and ready with a battle plan as we seek to walk in the Victory that has already been won for us.

1. Understand Your Enemy
 - a. Pastor Josh shared the analogy of football players watching tapes of their opposing team, prior to the game they would play in order to have insight into their plays as well as a plan of action in order to win. Read the following passages and review/discuss as a group what we can learn of our Enemy
 - i. Ephesians 5:11 ,Revelation 12:7-9,1 Peter 5:8-9,Ephesians 4:26-27,1 John 4:4
2. Understand Your Weapons
 - a. While it may be jarring to reflect on the reality of the war we are in, we can take heart that we are not without power. We do not wage war by our own strength or by human terms, our weapons are divinely empowered.
 - i. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-4
 1. What do our weapons have the power to do?
 2. Discuss Pastor Josh's illustration of the bumble bee and its desire to break free from the room to no avail. How does this relate to strongholds in your life?
 3. What comes to mind when you think about the word "demolish"? What would it look like in your life for a particular stronghold to be demolished?
 - ii. Read Philippians 2:9-11 and Romans 10:13
 1. What can we learn about the name of Jesus from these two passages?
 - iii. Read Hebrews 4:12 and Ephesians 6:14-17. Discuss the attributes and the power of the Word of God.
 - iv. Read Revelation 12:11 Discuss this passage and its implications. How might the sharing of our story be a weapon?
3. Pre-determine the Outcome
 - i. Read Romans 8:37 and take heart in the overwhelming victory that's ours in Christ Jesus! How might this truth shift our perspective as we battle?

Respond

Discuss how we as believers can encourage one another in these truths. How can we daily set our minds and hearts on the One who has overcome and given us all we need to fight the war he has already won?