



BIG IDEA

When you fight for your family, God fights for you.

CONVERSATION STARTERS *(Pick One)*

- 1) Who is your favorite TV father figure? Why?
- 2) What is your favorite memory with you father?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

1. What was the most inspirational moment of the sermon for you?
2. Were you challenged by anything you heard?
3. It is one thing you are taking away from Sunday's message?

GOING DEEPER IN THE SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-13

Where was David supposed to be during this time?

David was supposed to be at War (on mission) with his armies and commanders (in community). How does being on mission (living out your calling) and being in community (in Small Group/Circle environments) help to encourage you in your walk, build your faith, and keep you on mission? Take time to share examples from your life.

Optional Question for your group if you want to get vulnerable.

We need a revelation of our ruin. David tries to hide his sin (11:6-25), but the Lord knew and in the following chapter (12) David is made aware of his sin. He repents (Psalm 51), but is still punished (12:15-18). How do you respond when you find yourself in sin? Do you hide like Adam, cover it up like David, or sin boldly like Samson? How can we better practice repentance?

Read Ephesians 6:10-18

At the end of the letter to the Ephesians Paul commands the church to be “Strong in the Lord and the strength of His might” (compare Eph. 1:19). Then he directs them to put on the Full Armor of God (vv. 13-17). Who is our enemy in this passage? (v11-12)
How are we called to fight him? (v.13) What has God given us for this battle?
How does Paul believe prayer plays a component in all of this? (v.18) If you were take inventory of your life, how are you doing on standing strong and putting on the “full armor of God?”

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pastor Chris listed a 3 part strategy: Praying Together, Protecting the Wall Daily, and Preparing for Battle. Where do you have victory? Where are you struggling?

When we get this right God fights for us (Neh 4:20). How have you seen God fight for you in your life? Was there any correlation between how you were living (practicing these things) and God fighting for you?

LIVE IT OUT! ACT IT OUT!

The key response from Nehemiah was to go to the Lord continually in prayer (Neh. 4:4, 9). Take time to take inventory of your prayer life. Are you praying with your spouse? Your friends? By yourself? What areas do you need to grow in? Are there things you need to remove from your life to grow in this? Develop a prayer plan that will lead to victory!

PRAYER

Take time to share prayer requests with one another pray for your needs.