

ASKING FOR A "FRIEND"



Leader Conversation Guide – Asking for a Friend: Spiritual Warfare

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt shared a powerful message on understanding and engaging in spiritual warfare, drawing from the foundational truths in Scripture. He reminded us of the reality of the unseen battle we face, as described in Ephesians 6:10-17, where we are called to “put on the full armor of God” to stand firm against the schemes of the enemy. Pastor Curt also highlighted the importance of breaking strongholds—those deceptive beliefs that distort our view of God and ourselves—by replacing them with God’s truth (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Through the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, and the Word of God, we have been given divine authority to overcome. As we reflect on how to apply these principles in our daily lives, let’s consider how we can stand strong in faith, secure in God’s power and protection.

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

| PETER 5:8-9

Make It Practical:

3 Realities You Need to Believe:

1. The devil is real. - 2 Corinthians 11:14
2. The devil’s goal is to destroy you. - John 10:10
3. The devil responds to a higher authority. - 1 John 4:4

3 Weapons You Can Use:

1. The Name of Jesus. - Luke 10:17-19; Philippians 2:10
2. The Blood of Jesus. - Revelation 12:11
3. The Word of God. - John 8:31-32; John 17:17

3 Things to do Everyday:

1. Surrender myself to God. - James 4:7-8
2. Close any open doors. - 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:26-27; Ephesians 5:11
3. Confront the enemy in prayer. - 1 Peter 5:8-9

Talk About It

What does it mean to “put on the full armor of God,” and how can each part (truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God) help us stand firm in spiritual battles?

- Reference: Ephesians 6:10-17

In what ways might we unknowingly allow strongholds to take hold in our lives, and how can recognizing and addressing these areas help us align more closely with God’s truth?

- Reference: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Scripture highlights three powerful spiritual weapons: the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, and the Word of God. How can we practically use these weapons in our daily lives to resist the enemy and remain spiritually strong?

- Reference: Luke 10:17-19, Revelation 12:11, John 8:31-32

Spiritual warfare is exposing the lie of the enemy and replacing it with God’s Truth.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for gathering us together to learn and grow in Your truth. Help us to remember the power of Your armor and the strength we find in Your name, Your blood, and Your Word. Open our hearts to recognize any strongholds and grant us the courage to replace lies with Your truth. As we go out, may we walk boldly in Your protection, standing firm against anything that seeks to pull us away from You. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

Join us for Growth Track on the first, second, and third weeks of each month, during second service.