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ICEBREAKER: Find A Conversation Starter For Your Group

Name a favorite movie character who played the role of a warrior. What do you identify as being warrior qualities?

INTRODUCTION: Discuss The Sermon & Key Scriptures

When you imagine the person of Jesus, do you see him as an actual warrior fighting the battle for our hearts? In this week's message, Tom said the things we are fighting are not of this world (**Ephesians 6:12**). As followers of Jesus the things we struggle with (loving our neighbors, showing grace to others, having patience with our family, etc.) don't make us think we are fighting in a real battle.

Have someone from the group read out loud **Revelation 19:11-16**. The picture in Revelation of Jesus as a warrior is not what you typically hear discussed in church.

START SHARING: Choose Questions That Create Openness

Examples...

- Does the imagery used in the above verses change how you view your daily activities, making them more meaningful?
- Is it hard to see yourself as being a warrior in God's army?

START READING: Dig Deeper Into More Scriptures

It can be hard to view ourselves as fighting battles in everyday life. Preparing our hearts and minds to be ready for what life is going to throw at us can be tough. If we can be intentional in being available for God to use us, we can start to see what is going on in the lives of those around us.

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 as a group. As you read through the next text, focus on the language Paul uses. Use the following questions as a guide.

Questions...

- How does the imagery used in Ephesians translate into our daily lives?
- Do your typical prayers align with what Paul is specifically praying for in verses 19-20?
- How can this scripture help encourage us to grow in our faith?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP: Commit To A Step & Live It Out This Week

In **Galations 6:9-10** it says, 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.' The reality of fighting battles is that sometimes we get tired or we are wounded. We can always take heart that Jesus has already sacrificed himself for ultimate victory over the things we battle.

- Is there a battle you have been fighting that you are trying to fight on your own instead of letting Jesus fight it for you?
- Are there some hurts from previous battles wearing on you that the people in your life can help you through?

START PRAYING: Be Bold & Pray Specifically

- Pray for your group to have endurance to keep fighting even when it gets hard. Help encourage and carry each burden's as life can bring us down sometimes. This would be a great week to take prayer requests and encourage each other during the week.