

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

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Walking with God is a war, day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our fleshly desires continuously war against God's desires. In a war there is an enemy, and you need to know who your enemy is. In a war you have weapons, and you need to know what your weapons are and how to use them. You also need to practice using those weapons so you can be fully equipped to fight the war. The question is, are you *ready* to get in the battle?

MEMORY VERSE

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10,11)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Share about a time when something went wrong in your life and you blamed God instead of your *real* enemy. Explain how you felt when you realized that it wasn't God who was the cause of your pain and how you were able to find peace in Him.

STUDY QUESTIONS

→ Read Ephesians 6:10-18

- What is the purpose of putting on the armor of God?
- Who is our real enemy? Who is our struggle against?
- Truth is a weapon against the devil. What *truth* can you use against the enemy?
- Paul tells us to put on the breastplate of righteousness. What does it mean to walk in righteousness?
- Why is it so important to read and know the gospel?



- What are some fiery darts that the devil has thrown at you in the past? How can your faith help extinguish those darts?
- Our salvation confirms that we have won the war. Have you accepted Jesus Christ into your life and received your salvation?
- The Word of God is a weapon. Do you practice using that weapon by reading the Word on a daily basis?
- Prayer is one of your most powerful weapons. Discuss ways that you can improve your prayer life.

GROUP ACTIVITY

Confess: Share the areas in your life where the devil has gotten the best of you (anger, refusing to help, being unloving, etc.). Be honest and repent, ask God for forgiveness.

Read: *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. (2 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV)*

Pray: Pair up and pray for another that you may be fully equipped to fight against the *real* enemy who tries to destroy us every single day.

Take home:

- Memorize Ephesians 6:10,11 (above)
- Spend time daily in the Word and in prayer
- Put on the full armor of God!



