

# Small Group Bible Study

## Spiritual Warfare Week 1

### Main Theme

Spiritual warfare is real, even when it is unseen. Rather than avoiding the topic or spiritualizing everything, Scripture invites us to focus on what God has clearly revealed and to trust His authority over every battle.

### Opening Prayer

God, open our eyes to Your truth and steady our hearts in what we know about You. Help us discern wisely, stay rooted in Scripture, and trust that You are greater than anything we face. Amen.

### ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- If you could instantly know the truth about one mystery in the world, what would you want to know?

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### Read Daniel 10:2-21

- What stands out to you about Daniel's posture during this season of prayer and fasting?
- Why do you think Daniel chose to seek God with such intentional focus during this time?
- What does this passage teach us about persistence in prayer?
- What do you learn about how God responds to prayer from verses 12 and 13?
- How does this passage challenge the idea that unanswered prayer always means unanswered prayer?
- What emotions or reactions do you notice in Daniel as he encounters the heavenly messenger?
- What does the phrase prince of the Persian kingdom suggest about spiritual influence beyond what we see?
- How does the involvement of Michael help shape your understanding of spiritual authority?
- What does this passage reveal about the reality of spiritual conflict?

#### 2. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Paul acknowledges that while we live in the world, we do not fight using worldly methods. God equips His people with spiritual weapons that are powerful enough to confront lies and strongholds.

- What do you think "strongholds" might look like in everyday life?

- How do thoughts and beliefs shape spiritual battles?
- What does it look like to actively take thoughts captive rather than letting them run unchecked?
- Paul says the weapons we fight with are not of the world. What worldly weapons do you think we are most tempted to rely on instead of God's power?
- According to this passage, what is the goal of spiritual warfare, winning arguments or aligning our thoughts with Christ?

## **SERMON RECAP QUESTIONS**

- Where do you tend to lean more naturally, avoiding spiritual warfare or attributing everything to it?
- How does this teaching help you approach spiritual struggles with wisdom instead of fear?
- What does it look like to stay focused on Jesus when spiritual opposition feels real?

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- What is one area of your life where you need to trust that God is at work even when you cannot see it?
- How can you be more intentional in prayer without trying to control or explain everything spiritually?
- What practices help you stay grounded in truth rather than speculation?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord, thank You that You are sovereign over every seen and unseen battle. Teach us to walk in faith, not fear, and to rest in the truth that You are greater than anything in this world. Help us stay focused on You. Amen.