

10-15-25 Snall Group Guide

Here's a small group guide based on the sermon transcription:

Small Group Guide: Understanding Spiritual Warfare and Suffering

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. Job was a man of integrity who honored God, even though he didn't have the full revelation we have today.
2. Satan is real and actively seeks to harm believers, but God sets limits on what he can do.
3. Suffering is a reality for Christians, but it's temporary and God uses it for our growth.
4. We overcome Satan through the blood of Jesus and our testimony.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned that Job "shunned evil." What does this look like in our daily lives? How can we actively turn away from evil influences?
2. How does understanding the spiritual realm (God, angels, Satan) impact your view of everyday life challenges?
3. The sermon highlighted that Satan "prowls around like a roaring lion." How can we stay alert to his schemes without becoming paranoid?
4. What's your typical reaction to suffering? How might viewing it through the lens of 1 Peter 5:6-11 change your perspective?
5. The pastor emphasized the importance of our testimony about Jesus. How comfortable are you sharing your faith? What holds you back?
6. How does the reality that Satan is "not strong enough" to overcome Jesus encourage you in your spiritual battles?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, practice "presenting yourself before God" each morning, asking Him for direction in your day.
2. Identify one area where you've been passive about evil influences (media, relationships, habits) and take a concrete step to "shun" it.
3. Write out your testimony of how Jesus has worked in your life. Practice sharing it with a friend or family member.
4. If you're currently facing suffering, spend time in prayer using the truths from 1 Peter 5 to reframe your perspective.
5. Commit to memorizing one verse about God's power or Satan's limitations (e.g., 1 John 4:4 or James 4:7).

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His power over evil, ask for strength in spiritual battles, and pray for those in the group facing difficulties.