



## **“Our Spiritual Battle” Small Group Discussion Guide**

This discussion guide is designed to facilitate group conversation based on Todd's message "A Spiritual Battle." The focus is on Daniel 8 and Ephesians 6, exploring the significance of spiritual preparation as we confront the challenges of our time.

### **Opening Prayer**

Begin your discussion with a prayer, asking for insight and understanding as you explore the scripture and how it relates to your lives.

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **Part 1: Understanding the Text**

##### **1. Daniel's Vision**

- Read Daniel 8:1-14. What stands out to you about Daniel's vision?
- How does the imagery of the ram, goat, and little horn help you understand the historical context of kings and kingdoms?

##### **2. Historical Fulfillment**

- How does Daniel 8 reveal the rise and fall of empires? Can you identify the historical empires referenced (Medo-Persian and Greek)?
- What does the description of the little horn (Antiochus Epiphanes) indicate about the nature of rebellion against God's people?

##### **3. Clarity and Ambiguity**

- Why do you think God provided Daniel with both clear and ambiguous elements in his vision?
- How can these aspects inspire trust and humility in our faith journey?

#### **Part 2: Spiritual Implications**

##### **4. Spiritual Battles**

- Reflect on Ephesians 6:10-12. How does understanding that our struggle is fundamentally spiritual change the way you approach conflicts in your life?
- In what ways have you experienced “spiritual battles”? How did you prepare for them?



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### **5. Armour of God**

- Discuss the significance of the “Body Armour of Righteousness.” How does it empower you in your spiritual battles?
- What are some practical ways you can “suit up” in your daily life to prepare for spiritual challenges?

### **Part 3: Application**

### **6. Living in the Tension**

- In the message, Todd Cullen highlights the tension between what we see and the spiritual reality behind it. How can we maintain hope and perseverance amid confusion and dismay?
- Share specific examples from your lives where you felt this tension. How did your faith guide you through?

### **7. Preparation for the Future**

- How can you actively prepare spiritually in anticipation of future challenges?
- What specific steps can you take this week to strengthen your spiritual preparation, both personally and as a group?

### **Closing Prayer**

Conclude the discussion with a prayer, asking for God’s guidance and strength as you apply what you’ve discussed to your lives. Pray for each other’s spiritual preparation and readiness to face spiritual challenges.