



FAITH

Warfare Wisdom... Defeating Our Enemies with the Knowledge of God

Ice Breaker: What is one of your favorite worship songs?

Read together: Matthew 16:13-19 & Revelation 12:11

We live in the middle of two great prophetic declarations of victory.

Discuss:

- What things do you think are the gates of hell trying to prevail on the church?
- How do you see the church being victorious?
- What do you think we will need to overcome both now and in the future?

Hosea 4:6 tells us: *“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.”* Pastor Sam told us that we need to know the Word so that we can discern what is evil and what is good.

Pastor Sam gave us some things we need to know before we GO:

Know your Enemy:

This is one of the most important aspects of military warfare! When a general plans a battle, they learn about their enemy. Our enemy is Satan. John 10:10 tells us, *“The thief comes but for to steal, kill and destroy...”*

Discuss:

- What are some things that we need to know about the enemy so that we can fight against him?

Know your Identity:

Read together: John 1:12 & Matthew 4:3-6

Like Jesus in the wilderness, the first thing the devil does is question His identity.

Discuss:

- Who does God say that you are?
- Jesus didn't doubt who He was. He Himself quoted God's Word to the devil and put him in his place! What can we learn from this example?

For more on who you are in Christ, see the book of Ephesians and *“Who I am in Christ”* by Neil T. Anderson. These are great resources for your spiritual growth.

Know your Authority

Read together: Luke 9:1

This verse tells us that God has given us BOTH power AND authority.

“Power” = miraculous power

“Authority” = supernatural delegated influence and jurisdiction

Discuss:

- How have you experienced power from God?
- How have you walked in authority as a believer empowered by God?

1. Operating in our God given authority requires us to be surrendered and submitted to the authority of God.

We must be UNDER the authority of God before we can ever be OVER anything else!

Read together: James 4:7

Discuss:

- Tell us about a time that you submitted to God and the enemy fled from you.

2. Operating in our God given authority requires us to be believers in the authority of the Word of God.

We have to take God at His Word. We have His:

Written Word = Jesus quoted scripture to the enemy.

Spoken Word = Jesus modeled how to pray in a life-giving way.

Job 22:28- *Declare a thing.* (We can speak life to others)

Isaiah 54:17 tells us, "You shall **condemn.**" To declare as wrong.

Discuss:

- What things might you declare life over?
- What things do you feel convicted to declare wrong?

3. Operating in our God given authority requires us to be active members of the Family of God.

In Luke 9:1, Jesus called His Disciples together.

Discuss:

- How does the gathering of believers help us operate in our identity?

4. Operating in our God given authority requires us to be active in the Great Commission of God.

Read together: Matthew 28:19-20

Discuss:

- A commission is a set of orders. How are you living out the Great Commission?

Pray together:

Father, we recognize that we are in a battle. The enemy is trying to steal, kill and destroy each of us on a daily basis. We need You in each moment to help us discern what is happening around us and how we should respond. Teach us Your ways. Please give us a hunger for Your Word and show us how to apply it to our lives for Your glory. Show us who we are in Christ and give us the confidence to walk in that identity without compromise. Please show us how to live out what You created us to do. Help us to honor Your Word and help us to be encouragers to other believers. Give us encouraging words and help us to disciple those that are younger in their faith. Show us how to share You with others. Give us supernatural opportunities, words and creativity to love others well and share You faithfully. We confess that we need You. We thank You for the identity we have in You. Teach us to walk more closely to You and bring You glory. We want to be all that You created us to be. Show us how to walk it out! In the name of Jesus. Amen