

WEEK 45: NOVEMBER 4-10

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON



MEETING AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE** - Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

WINNING THE WAR IN YOUR MIND

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NLT 1 Now I, Paul, appeal to you with the gentleness and kindness of Christ—though I realize you think I am timid in person and bold only when I write from far away. 2 Well, I am begging you now so that when I come I won't have to be bold with those who think we act from human motives. 3 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. 4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 6 And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What did you learn from what we just read?



TRUTH #1

Humility is power!

- In 2 Corinthians 10:1, we see Paul's approach to dealing with conflict and challenges.
- He appeals to the Corinthians by the meekness and gentleness of Christ.
- This sets the tone for a Christ-like response to conflicts.
- Meekness: A humble and gentle attitude, not seeking revenge or retaliation.

Matthew 5:5 - "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

- Meekness is a powerful response in the face of conflict, reflecting the character of Christ.
- A gentle approach can defuse tension and open doors for reconciliation.
- Christ's meekness shows His strength under control.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

How can we apply the principles of meekness and gentleness when dealing with conflicts in our own lives?



TRUTH #2

Spiritual Warfare starts in the Mind

- In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Paul introduces the idea of spiritual warfare.
- He speaks of taking every thought captive and bringing it in obedience to Christ.
- This highlights the importance of controlling our thoughts and aligning them with Christ's truth.

Ephesians 6:12 - "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

- Our thoughts have a significant impact on our actions and attitudes.
- Spiritual warfare is primarily a battle of the mind and a challenge to align our thoughts with God's truth.
- Prayer, Scripture, and reliance on the Holy Spirit are essential in taking thoughts captive.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

How can we practically take our thoughts captive and ensure they align with Christ's truth?



TRUTH #3

The Weapons of Our Warfare

- 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 introduces the concept of the weapons of our warfare.
- These are not physical weapons but spiritual ones. They are powerful through God for the destruction of strongholds.
- Paul emphasizes the authority and effectiveness of these spiritual weapons.
- The weapons of our warfare refer to spiritual tools and strategies, such as prayer, Scripture, and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Our spiritual weapons are effective in tearing down strongholds, which can be negative thought patterns or sin in our lives.
- *Stronghold*: A place where a particular cause or belief is strongly defended or upheld.
- Faith, prayer, and reliance on God's strength are key components of these weapons.
- We have divine authority to overcome spiritual opposition.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What are the weapons of our warfare? Have you been using them effectively?



CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing you learned from today's lesson?

GIVING

When we choose to give systematically and intentionally to meet the needs of ministers, foreigners, orphans and widows, God will bless all the work that we do.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 (NLT)

28 At the end of every third year, bring the entire tithe of that year's harvest and store it in the nearest town. 29 Give it to the Levites, who will receive no allotment of land among you, as well as to the foreigners living among you, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, so they can eat and be satisfied. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all your work.

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

PRAYER



QUESTION #1

Who are you
praying for to be
saved?



QUESTION #2

Who can you
invite to the next
meeting?



QUESTION #3

What are your
prayer requests?