

Sermon Questions for Small Group Ministry

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He has given us everything we need pertaining to life and godliness (1 Peter 1:3), most importantly the Holy Spirit in us! So, though we have a spiritual enemy, God has given us the spiritual resources we need to walk increasingly in victory over daily sin and temptation. Our Father does not want us to be ambushed by our enemy, that's why in His word He exposes the schemes that Satan repeatedly tries to use against us (2 Cor. 2:11, 1 Peter 5:8).

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Three Things the Enemy Does Not Want You to Know!

1 Corinthians 10:12-13, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Romans 6:12-14

1. God **ALWAYS** provides a way out. (1 Cor. 10:12-13)
2. We can tear down **STRONGHOLDS**. (2 Cor. 10:3-5)

Three Biblical Steps to Tearing Down Strongholds

- Renew
- Renounce
- Resolve

3. Every time I'm tempted, a **WORSHIP SERVICE** is about to break out!
(Rom. 6:12-14)

Questions

1. Why does the enemy work so hard to keep us away from understanding and embracing our new identity in Christ? How has embracing your new identity helped you walk more in victory?
2. How does it encourage you to know that others in the fellowship are being tempted in the same way that you are being tempted? How can authentic Christian community help us find empathy and victory in our daily spiritual battle against sin and temptation?
3. Our Father warns us that Satan prowls around like a roaring lion looking for whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Knowing this truth, why is it spiritually dangerous for Christians to live in isolation outside of authentic community?

4. If a stronghold is a fortress built out of the “bricks of lies” and covers part of our mind and thinking, how does renewing our mind with God’s Word help us tear down strongholds?

5. How does it daily encourage you to know that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit of God and that God’s Word promises that *“Greater is he who is in you, than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4b*

6. What are some practical ways that we can “take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ”?

7. How have you experienced in your spiritual walk that the mind really is the battlefield?

8. In our desire to daily obey Christ more and more...how does it motivate you to realize that every time we’re tempted somebody is about to be worshipped? (Romans 6:12-14)

9. 1 Corinthians 15:57 tells us that Jesus has won the victory over sin, Satan and death and He has given us His victory! Romans 8:37 tells us that in our new identity in Christ we are more than conquerors! How does it encourage you that we are not fighting “for victory” but we are fighting from a new position “of victory”?