



## BiG iDEA SMALL GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

**06.19/20.10 // The Warrior: A Cause to Fight For.**

**BiG iDEA: *Fight the good fight of faith, willing to give your life for the cause of Christ.***

// **Ice Breaker** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 1: What are some of your favorite warrior movies? (i.e. Rocky, Karate Kid, Die Hard, Dirty Harry, etc) What makes them your favorites?**

**Option 2: What are some of your favorite sports? What makes them your favorites?**

// **Questions for Discussion** \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Exodus 15: 3

“The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is His name.”

#### **Matthew 10:34**

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

**Why do you think the Lord is a warrior?**

**Who/what does He war against?**

### **God Created You With the Heart of a *Warrior***

### 2. Revelation 19: 11

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider (Jesus) is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

#### **Genesis 5:1**

When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

**Why do you think God created us with a Warrior's heart?**

**In what ways do you see this in others? In yourself?**

## **Every Warrior Has a Cause to Fight For**

### **3. Nehemiah 4: 14**

“Don’t be afraid of your enemies. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, and your sons, and your daughters, and your wives, and your homes.”

**Nehemiah was fighting to build the wall of Jerusalem in the Old Testament.**

**What would God have us fight for today?**

**How easy is it to end up fighting for the wrong things? What would these be?**

**What are some ways to know that we are fighting for the right things?**

### **4. Acts 8: 3**

“But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women. He put them in prison.”

**Before his conversion, Saul had a cause to fight against, but it was the wrong one: Christians.**

**How can fighting against the wrong thing cause problems?**

**How do people end up fighting against the wrong thing?**

### **5. Brett mentioned that Bill Hybels talked about us having a 'holy discontent'. Some examples are:**

- Moses couldn’t stand the oppression and abuse of his fellow Hebrews by the Egyptians.
- Mother Teresa couldn’t stand extreme poverty.
- For Martin Luther King Jr., it was racism.
- Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision, whose ‘Popeye moment’ occurred when he witnessed orphans from the Korean War dropping dead in food lines.
- A mom loses a baby and begins a ministry to help similar women.
- A divorced man or woman spends hours each week leading others through his/her church’s divorce recovery program.

**Have the group share what are some things they feel discontent about.**

**Why do you think God puts those feeling in our heart?**

**Do you think God wants us to try to right the justices of the world? Why or why not?**

**How could fighting injustice help God's kingdom? How do we fight injustice?**

**What are some ways that Southpoint helps overcome injustices?**

### **6. Matthew 26: 41**

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

**How do we fight against temptation in our lives?**

**What kinds of temptations do we have to fight against?**

**Have the group share some ways they fight against temptations.**

### **7. What does it mean to be a spiritual warrior?**

**What are the weapons of a spiritual warrior?**

**What are some practical, non-physical ways to fight for your spouse, children or those less fortunate?**

8. When would it be appropriate for a Christian to use physical force? Why?

9. Luke 6: 27 - 28

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

**How could love be considered a weapon for a Christian?**

**What are some examples of doing good to those who hate you?**

10. Hebrews 10: 24 - 25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**What could be some of the downfalls of trying to fight on your own?**

**What could be some of the benefits of fighting with others?**

**What are some practical ways to support each other in the fight?**

11. Proverbs 14: 17

A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.

**Luke 6: 29**

If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also....

**How would turning the other cheek actually show strength?**

**When would it be best not to fight back?**

12. 1 Timothy 6: 12

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**Why would God have us fight for our faith and not just make our lives 'easy'?**

**Why is it essential that we understand what we should fight for?**

// **Application** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read and commit to memory. 1 Timothy 6: 12**

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**Decide what cause you will fight for.**

**Grow as a 3C (Committed, Connected, Contributing) Christian to use Biblical principles to fight.**

// **Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_

**That we would have a Church full of warriors.**

**That we would fight for the right cause.**



**'Not by might nor by power,  
but by my Spirit,' says the  
LORD Almighty.**

**Zechariah 4: 6**