



## BIG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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).

**07.03/04.10 // The Warrior: On Offense and Defense.**

**BIG IDEA: *God wants you to be a passionate warrior who protects what He's given you, while advancing His Kingdom.***

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

Option 1: What are some of your favorite war movies?

Option 2: How did you spend the 4th of July week-end?

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

### **God's Warrior Always Has Someone to Protect**

#### 1. Genesis 3: 7

The woman (Eve) stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that it would give her, and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband (Adam) was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too.

#### **Psalm 78: 9**

The warriors of Ephraim, though fully armed, turned their backs and fled when the day of battle came.

**Why did God address Adam and not Eve after they ate the fruit?**

**Did Adam protect Eve?**

**How do men not protect their families today?**

#### 2. 1 Samuel 19: 15

"Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, 'Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may destroy him.'"

**Saul stopped following God's cause, his fight became misdirected and he became abusive to David.**

**Why do men become abusive today?**

**How could following God's cause keep a man from becoming abusive?**

#### 3. John 10: 10

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

**What do you think a full life means?**

**What keeps us from living a full life?**

**4. Nehemiah 4: 14**

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

**Why do men respond when challenged to fight for their families?**

**How could one guard their wife's heart?**

**How can one protect their children's spirituality?**

**What if you don't have a family - how can you be a protector?**

**God's Warrior Has a Kingdom to Advance**

**5. 2 Samuel 10:12**

Be strong and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God.

**Matthew 11:12**

“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

**Who fights to advance God's kingdom today?**

**In what ways do we need to be forceful?**

**What is the balance between being forceful and being abusive?**

**6. Matthew 6: 18**

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gate of Hades will not overcome it.

**Why can't the gates of Hades overcome God's Church?**

**Jesus said He will build His church. How would you define church?**

**In what ways can the church overcome Hades?**

**7. Revelation 12: 11**

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

**Who was overcome?**

**What is meant by the blood of the lamb?**

**What does this mean for us today?**

**8. Ephesians 6: 10 - 12**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**Who do we fight against?**

**What would be some examples?**

**What is meant by 'our struggle is not against flesh and blood' in verse 12?**

## 9. Ephesians 6: 12 - 18

<sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

**What weapons make up the armor of God?**

**How do we put on the armor of God?**

**Verse 18 talks about praying. How does this fit in with the armor of God?**

**Why are we told to 'keep on praying for all the saints'?**

## 10. 1 John 2: 17

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**What is wrong with fighting for the world's desires, like possessions?**

**Besides them passing away, what is wrong with the world's desires?**

**How would you explain 'the will of God' to someone new at Southpoint?**

## 11. BiG iDEA: God wants you to be a passionate warrior who protects what He's given you, while advancing His Kingdom.

**Why does God want us to be passionate about being a warrior?**

**What could happen if we are not passionate?**

**What would you tell someone they could do if they said they have lost their passion?**

### // Application \_\_\_\_\_

**Read and commit to memory . John 10: 10**

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

**Take practical steps to protect your family and others you are responsible for. Keep the children from watching the wrong things, make a budget to get financially secure, stay pure for your wife's sake, read the bible, pray for your family.....**

### // Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

**For protection for those you are responsible for.**

**Safety and peace for those who are in the military and their families.**

