**Life Team Notes – week of 10/28/18 Spiritual Warfare**

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**The Weapons of Spiritual War** – through Jesus Christ alone.

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* Thinking back on Sunday, what stood out to you about this topic?
* In what ways has our thinking about the supernatural been influenced more by movies and culture rather than by God’s Word?

Ephesians 6:10-12

**The battle is real – spiritual war**

* What stands out to you about those two verses?
* What comes to mind when you hear “spiritual war”?
* What we see is not all there is. What do you think that means?
* What outward evidence can you attribute to the reality of spiritual warfare?
* Verse 12 says we are in a battle (struggle / war) who are we at war with?
* Who is the enemy in this war? (see verse 11) The Devil

**The enemy is real – the devil and demons**

* Why is it important to know our enemy?
* Do you tend to overemphasize or underemphasize the devil’s existence?
* What are some reasons we may underemphasize the devil’s existence?
* What are the dangers inherent in overemphasizing spiritual warfare?
* How often do you think about the unseen spiritual battle going on around you?
* What are the reasons we need to be more aware of this?

\*\* Optional - Read 2 Kings 6:15-18

\*\* Describe a time when you realized God was doing something, spiritually, that you couldn’t see with your natural eyes. (Maybe God was warning you, or speaking to you, or prompting you to do something.)

Sunday, we talked about the Devils schemes and looked at verses that describe his agenda. Eph 6:11 says, “…take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

**Some of The Devils Schemes –** leaders after saying each one before you go to the next one, ask what some examples of that scheme are work.

* **Spiritually blind you**
* **Accuse you**
* **Deceive you**

What are some examples of this? False teaching - to be led by our feeling - deceived into believe that sin is not sin, that evil is good

* **Divide you - Division**
* **Trap you – in sin**

What are some examples of this? He sets a trap - lures you - to catch you and hold you captive to a dangerous lifestyle of denial or to sin.

* **Stop you**
* **Destroy you**

**John 10:10**

* According to John 10:10 what is the ultimate plan of Satan for your life and plan of Jesus for your life?
* As you reflect on the devil’s agenda for you (see list above), what is an area of attack you sensed in your life recently?

**The battle ground is in our mind**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

* According to 2 Cor 10:3-5, Where is the battle fought? (our minds)

**The weapons are real**

Philippians 4:6-8, James 4:7

* What part does prayer have in spiritual warfare?
* How often are you engaged in spiritual warfare?
* What are some examples of this?

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1. Prayer to God - Your prayers are more powerful than you know

2. The word of God - If you don’t know God’s Word you’re vulnerable

3. Faith (trust) in God – Jesus has already won!

**The victory is already secured**

Ephesians 6:10

* According to Eph 6:10 what is the key to victory? The Lords strength and power. You are not alone in your battles – Jesus is your strength!
* How has Christ already won the victory over the devil? The cross secured it!
* Describe what you think it means that Christians fight from victory?

1 John 4:4, Romans 16:19-20, 2 Timothy 1:7, Revelation 12:11, 1 John 5:4-5

* What do these verses tell us about the us and the devil?
* Do you need to be afraid of the devil? No if you’re a Christian, yes if you’re not.

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