

BATTLEGROUND

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Battleground: Our Relationship with God

Icebreaker: When you have a disagreement with a family member, do you usually respond with fight, flight, or freeze? Talk about your choice.

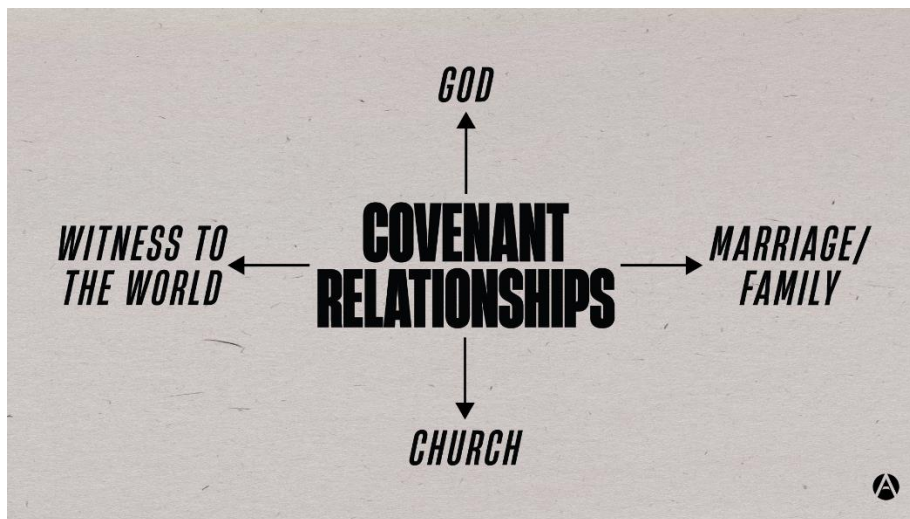
Worship: Check out the worship resources we have available on Lifegroupleaders.com. You will find playlists available on Spotify, YouTube and Vimeo. New set list available: [Worship Playlist 12](#).

Tremble | Mosaic MSC

Is He Worthy | Chris Tomlin

How Deep the Father's Love | Austin Stone Worship

Review: This week, Jimmy kicked off our new series called Battleground—a series on spiritual warfare. Jimmy shared with us the following diagram, identifying 4 key covenant relationships in the life of a believer: God, Marriage/Family, the Church, and our Witness to the World. We'll be talking about these four areas in the coming weeks.



Read and Discuss:

Read: Ephesians 6:10-12 together and discuss the following questions:

1. Can you remember and share about a moment or situation that you may have wrongly identified your enemy or opposition? (Ex: a friend, spouse, co-worker, public personality)
2. How would you have handled the situation differently if you had been more aware of the enemy's attacks in the moment?

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Read and Discuss:

Read through this chart comparing Jesus with the devil, then read **James 4:4-8a** together and discuss the following questions.

JESUS	THE DEVIL
<i>FORGIVES AND HAS POWER OVER SIN (LUKE 7:48-50)</i>	<i>TEMPTS INDIVIDUALS TO SIN (MATT 4:1-11)</i>
<i>CONQUERS DEATH AND GIVES ETERNAL LIFE (JOHN 10:28)</i>	<i>SEEKS TO STEAL, KILL, AND DESTROY (JOHN 10:10)</i>
<i>TEACHES TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS (EPH 4:21)</i>	<i>DECEIVES AND LEADS PEOPLE ASTRAY (2 COR 11:14)</i>
<i>PROVIDES SALVATION (ACTS 4:12)</i>	<i>PROMOTES BONDAGE AND ENSLAVEMENT (2 TIM 2:26)</i>
<i>BRINGS PEACE AND RECONCILIATION (JOHN 14:27)</i>	<i>INSTIGATES CONFLICT AND DIVISION (REV 12:7-9)</i>
<i>GRANTS AUTHORITY OVER EVIL SPIRITS (MARK 3:15)</i>	<i>MUST SEEK GOD'S PERMISSION (JOB 1:12)</i>
<i>IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL (PS 103:19)</i>	<i>OPPOSES GOD'S WILL (REV 12:7-9)</i>
<i>HIS TIME IS UNENDING (HEB 13:8)</i>	<i>HIS TIME IS SHORT (REV 12:12)</i>
<i>HAS POWER TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ABIDE IN HIM (1 JOHN 5:18)</i>	<i>CANNOT TOUCH THOSE SUBMITTED TO GOD (JAMES 4:7)</i>
<i>HAS RIGHT OF AUTHORITY (MATT 28:18)</i>	<i>HAS NO RIGHT TO AUTHORITY (COL 1:13)</i>

1. What promises do you see rooted in Jesus' character and person? What promises do you see about God from the James passage?
2. What is one place where you currently feel under attack or where you have not resisted the devil?
3. How can we respond or apply these verses to our lives?

Prayer: Let's end by breaking up into groups of 2-3 and praying for each other as we share our personal spiritual warfare battles.

Resource: Share [this resource](#) with your Lifegroup and commit to spending 30 minutes a day for the next 30 days drawing near to God.