

## Battleground: Our Relationships with The Body of Christ

**Icebreaker:** What is one food that you would eradicate from the earth?

**Worship:** Check out the worship resources we have available on [Lifegroupleaders.com](http://Lifegroupleaders.com). You will find playlists available on Spotify, YouTube and Vimeo. Or use these songs below that can be found wherever you listen to music.

Reign Above It All | *The McClures*

House of Worship | *Brandon Lake*

Is He Worthy | *Chris Tomlin*

**Review:** Welcome to week 3 of our spiritual warfare series. Remember, Ephesians 6:12 says, “our battle is not against flesh and blood.” We hope you’ve joined the challenge to draw near to God for 30 days, using this [resource](#) as a reminder. (Leaders, share this link with your Lifegroup members if you haven’t already done so.)

Let’s read the key scripture together, James 4:6-8b.

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” SUBMIT therefore to God. RESIST the devil and he will flee from you. DRAW NEAR to God and HE will draw near to you.

Ask someone to read this guided prayer or read it together, if everyone has a copy of the resource card.

“God, I repent of pride in my life and I HUMBLE and SUBMIT myself to you. From this posture, I RESIST the attacks of the enemy against my relationship with you, my family, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and my witness to the world. And, as I DRAW NEAR to you, open my ears to hear and give me grace and power to obey your word. Amen.”

Today we are going to look at the enemy’s tactics, especially against the unity of the Church and a divine response strategy.

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*SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS*

## Read and Discuss:

**Background:** In the book of Revelation, Jesus sends 7 letters to the specific churches encouraging them, warning them of places where they are missing it, and encouraging them on how to remain faithful within their specific local body.

Read together the letter to the church in Smyrna in **Revelation 2:8-11** that Zach spoke about this Sunday.

Discuss the following questions:

1. What were the devil's schemes for this specific church??
2. What were they encouraged to do to combat these schemes according to Jesus?
3. What were Jesus' admonitions and promises to this church? How were they encouraged to make it?

Now think about your specific Lifegroup. At Antioch we believe that each of our Lifegroups is like a mini church. We are called to fellowship, share the Word, meet the needs of others, etc...

4. What do you think might be the schemes of the enemy for our specific Lifegroup? How might the devil try and bring disunity in our Lifegroup?

Read **Ephesians 4:25-32** together and discuss the following questions:

5. How does Paul say to live together in community?
6. What specific commands that he lays out relate to healthy life within a church community today?
7. How do practicing these things contribute to unity within a church body?

**Prayer:** Let's break up into groups of 2-3. Share one way that you need the body of Christ to come around you in this season of your life. Pray for each other's needs and, if possible, try to think how your group can practically be a part of answering the prayers that you are praying for each other.