

# STUDY GUIDE



## WAR AND PEACE 07.04.21

For LifeGroup leaders:

To deepen your understanding about Spiritual Warfare, spend some time accessing the resources we've shared previously on the CVC blog:  
<https://cuyahogavalleychurchblog.wordpress.com/2019/02/16/resources-on-spiritual-warfare/>

Print and have available the following prayer guide:  
<https://cvconline.org/images/uploads/Brochure-Victory-in-Christ-Spiritual-Warfare-2021.pdf>

### **[set up]**

What is a relationship outside your family that you enjoy the most? Why is it life-giving to you?

Without naming names, what is a relationship outside your family that you find difficult? Why is it life-draining for you?

### **[digging deeper]**

Read Ephesians 6:10-13 in the ESV.

Read Ephesians 6:10-13 in another version (like the NIV, the Message, the New Living Translation, the Amplified Bible, or the Living Bible).

Ask someone in the group to share the truths in the passage in his or her own words. (The rest of the group can fill in any gaps that may be missing.)

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about God?"

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about our spiritual enemies?"

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about ourselves?"

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Assign individual members of the group to read a few of the following passages about spiritual warfare one at a time. After they read the passage, ask them to respond to the question, "What stands out to you in this passage about the Invisible War? Choose 5-7 passages from this list:

2 Thessalonians 3:3  
James 4:7  
Luke 22:31-32  
Revelation 12:11

2 Corinthians 10:4-5  
John 10:10  
Romans 16:20  
2 Timothy 2:24-26

1 Peter 5:8-9  
Matthew 4:1-11  
1 John 4:4

Ask, "What price do we pay if we choose not to engage in this spiritual warfare?"

## **[living it out]**

Title a Giant Post-it "Winning the Invisible War." Underneath the title, list the 4 practices from the weekend's message:

1. Be strong (v. 10)
2. Suit up (v. 11)
3. Fight smart (v. 12)
4. Stand firm (v. 13)

For each point, brainstorm and list on the Post-it 2-3 practical ideas for how a believer can obey these biblical commands. Ask, "Which of these practices would have the biggest impact in your life?"

In order for people in the group to fight the Invisible War more powerfully, ask everyone in the group to craft an "I will..." statement. Ask each person to share that statement with the group.

Pair up for closing prayer, using portions of the printed Prayer Guide as God leads. Ask each person to pray that God will enable their prayer partner to fulfill their "I will" statement. (Include praying for one another's difficult relationships. Also, remember to pray for their "Who's Your One?" friend, praying that the Lord will enable us to engage in spiritual warfare for the salvation of their friends and family members. Finally, pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into the harvest so that more people will escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will (See 2 Timothy 2:24-26).