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Holy Spirit Week 3
Main Text

Ephesians 6:10-12

Discussion Questions:

Belong:

Ice Breaker: Who is someone that you know for certain has prayed for you? How do you know? How has God worked through their prayers in your life?

Leader's Note to Share with your group:

We're in a new series on the Holy Spirit called FORGOTTEN GOD. In many faith circles, the Holy Spirit doesn't get much attention. At least in the world I grew up in, that was the case. And even if the Holy Spirit got attention in your faith background, He is often misunderstood and confusing for us to understand.

But knowing the Holy Spirit, living with the Holy Spirit, is the KEY to living a full life in God. This is about how to walk with God every day.

These teachings will focus on WHO the Holy Spirit is and His role in our lives. Here is the outline for the next few weeks:

- Week 1: Series overview (4/12/26)
- Week 2: The Holy Spirit's power in transformation (4/19/26)
- Week 3: Spiritual Warfare (going to be interesting! Angels and demons) (4/26/26)
- Week 4: The Holy Spirit empowering us to live on mission and with purpose (5/5/26)

We're in Week THREE of the Forgotten God teaching series, as we're learning more about the Holy Spirit. Today is going to be both encouraging and eye-opening. Today's teaching is about **spiritual warfare**.

"I have a burden for our church today because I truly believe this to be real. The stakes are high, the war is raging, and we must be ready to fight. We can't win battles that we don't know we are fighting. So, we prepare to fight in a very real spiritual war. The only way the Church can deliver on the freedom it claims is if we are honest and intentional about fighting a spiritual war by spiritual means. " Pastor Trey

Believe:

Suggestion: This can be a hard and heavy topic for many people. Pray this week as you prepare and open your group time in prayer.

Read - Ephesians 6:10-12

According to Paul, who is our true enemy? What are we supposed to stand or guard against?

(Note: Scheme according to Webster's Dictionary: "a clever often underhanded means to achieve an end"

Read Revelation 12:9 & John 8:44: How does John (the author of both passages) describe the Devil?

Read John 10:10: What is the Devil's scheme? How does he achieve this goal? What might be some ways he tries to trip us up? How has he in the past schemed against you?

In **Ephesians 6:12**, who does Paul remind us our battle is not being waged against? What are we fighting for? Based on this passage and what we've discussed, why is this important?

*“ Every war has a prize, and the prize of this war is the hearts and minds of people. YOU are the PRIZE!! We aren’t fighting against people, we are fighting **FOR people**, bringing as many to Jesus as possible. “ Pastor Trey*

How can we stay mindful of this truth? (Suggestions: prayer, being in community, time in the Word, holding each other accountable, etc.)

Become:

Read 1 Peter 5:8 (Have group members read this passage in different translations)

What stands out to you from this passage? What is our part in the spiritual battle? What do you think makes us easy targets for the enemy?

Read James 4:7

What does it look like to submit to God in this season of your life?
What does it look like to resist the Devil?

Take some time for quiet reflection: What area of your life do you need to submit to God? What area of your life do you need to resist the Devil through confession or repentance?

Group members do not need to necessarily share aloud what God reveals to them in this time of reflection. But encourage them to take note of it, pray about it, and share with a trusted friend in the next few days.

Benediction:

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5: (Invite your group to write out this passage and keep it with them throughout the week and Read it aloud as a way to encourage their hearts. If your group is willing, ask them to memorize this passage together.)

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Closing:

- Don't forget Beach Baptism on 5/3/26! For more information go to firstorlando.com/events
- Pray together as a group, sharing needs, burdens, and requests.
- Encourage your group members to sign up for daily prayer texts this week - text 'daily' to 40777