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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share some spiritual disciplines that helped them in their growth in the faith. What are some things that helped them maintain these disciplines?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- Speak, O Lord
- Sweet Hour of Prayer

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will study, live out, and share the word of God.
2. GG members will develop a habit of praying, for themselves and for others.

INTRODUCTION

In our previous lesson, we learned about God's armor that He has made available for all believers as they engage in spiritual warfare. We continue to look at what God has made available for all believers to use in spiritual warfare. In this lesson, we will take a look at the weapons that God has provided for all believers.

The sword of the Spirit (v. 17b)

1. What did Paul identify as the sword of the Spirit? Why do you think God's Word is likened to a sword? (cf. Hebrews 4:12)
2. How can God's Word be used as a weapon against Satan? (cf. Matthew 4:1-11)
3. What do believers need to do so that they can wield God's Word as a sword in spiritual warfare? (cf. Deuteronomy 6:6; Joshua 1:8)

APPLICATION

Children

Warriors during the olden times used a sword to defeat their enemies. We are warriors, too, and we have God's word as our sword. What bible verse can you use when you feel afraid?

Youth

How has your Bible reading been lately? What are some of the things that get in the way of you spending time studying the Word?

Adults

1. How often do you study God's Word personally?
2. How has God's Word affected the way you live?

Community

What are different ways by which you can share or proclaim God's Word to your family, classmates, or colleagues?

World

What are some of Satan's lies that he has propagated in the world? What truths in the Bible can you use to expose these lies?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Prayer (vv. 18–20)

1. How often should believers pray? (cf. Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
2. How can this be made a reality?
2. What should be the content of believers' prayers? (cf. Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1)
3. In what manner should believers pray? (cf. Luke 18:1-7; Colossians 4:2)
4. Who should believers pray for? (cf. Ephesians 3:14-19; James 5:16)
5. What specific request did Paul ask the Ephesian church to pray for? What does this say about what believers should pray for? (cf. Colossians 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)

APPLICATION

Children

How many times do you pray in a day? What are the things we should pray for? What can we pray for our church, family, and friends? Share.

Youth

1. How can you adjust your week such that you're able to spend more time in prayer?
2. What are you praying earnestly for right now? Share it with the group so that you may be prayed for.

Adults

1. As believers, we are commanded to pray always. How can you cultivate a habit of prayer?
2. Sometimes, God doesn't answer your prayers right away. What are some things that help you persevere in prayer?

Community

Who are people in your spheres of influence whom you should regularly pray for? What should you pray for them?

World

Where is God actively working in the world right now? How can you join other believers in praying for the spread of the gospel?

PRAYER ITEM

Pray for one another that you will have a time to regularly study the Bible. Pray that God will empower you to live out His Word in your daily life. Pray for the church, that God will continue to protect them against Satan's attacks, and that they will persevere in spreading the gospel. Pray that God will turn the hearts of people to Him and make them receptive to the message of the gospel.



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