

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

Ready for the Fight: Gear Up

Sword of the Spirit: The Word of God – Ephesians 6:17b

My Story

1. Have you ever accidentally cut yourself while working with a knife? What happened? What did you learn?

Digging Deeper

2. How does the Word of God function as a weapon rather than only a source of comfort? Why is it significant that the “sword of the Spirit” is the only offensive piece of armor listed in Ephesians 6?
3. Read Matt. 4:1-11. Why did Jesus respond to temptation with Scripture, and what does that teach believers about using the sword of the Spirit? How does regularly reading Scripture prepare believers to respond in moments of temptation?

4. Why is consistent time in God’s Word important even when it feels repetitive or routine? How does meditating on Scripture allow the Spirit to apply truth to specific situations?

Reflection

5. How have you experienced God using a specific verse to help you resist temptation or discouragement? How do you typically respond when God’s Word confronts an attitude or behavior in your life?
6. How might viewing Scripture as a weapon for the spiritual battle change your daily decisions? What can you do this week to practice, practice, practice with the sword of the Spirit?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Memorize Psalm 119:11 this week. Then, review and recall other passages you've memorized over the years. Keep them fresh in your mind so that your spiritual sword is always at the ready.

Praises / Prayer Requests

