



SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES – PART 1

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Again And Again** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **Who Else** (*Gateway Worship*)
- **All Hail King Jesus** (*Bethel Music*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 2 Kings 6:15-18
- Mark 14:53-65
- Matthew 16:21-24

OPENING PRAYER

Ask God to open your eyes to spiritual realities and align your concerns with His.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Satan's greatest deception is convincing believers he doesn't exist.
2. God is exposing Satan's tactics of blinding believers and distorting our dreams of the future.
3. Jesus came to open our eyes and align our concerns with God's.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Brian mentioned that instead of just teaching about spiritual warfare, God wants us to engage in it. What does active spiritual warfare look like in your daily life?
2. Reflect on the story of Elisha and his servant (2 Kings 6:15-18). Have you ever experienced a situation where God opened your eyes to spiritual realities? Share your experience.
3. How might Satan be attempting to blind us in our current cultural context? What areas of our lives or society might we be overlooking?
4. In Mark 14:53-65, Jesus was falsely accused and mistreated. How can we stay focused on God's truth when facing opposition or false narratives in our lives?
5. Discuss Peter's reaction to Jesus' prophecy about His death (Matthew 16:21-24). How do we sometimes put our human concerns before God's plans?
6. What does it mean to "have in mind the concerns of God, not merely human concerns"? How can we practically apply this in our decision-making?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Daily Prayer:** Spend time each day asking God to open your eyes to spiritual realities around you.
2. **Dream Alignment:** Write down your personal dreams and aspirations. Pray over them, asking God to align them with His purposes
3. **Awareness Exercise:** Throughout the week, consciously look for ways Satan might be trying to blind you or distort your perspective. Journal your observations.
4. **Scripture Meditation:** Memorize and meditate on Matthew 16:24 this week, reflecting on what it means to deny yourself and take up your cross.
5. **Accountability:** Partner with someone in the group to discuss and pray about areas where you need greater spiritual discernment.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for exposing Satan's tactics and ask for strength to engage in spiritual warfare, keeping God's concerns at the forefront of your mind.