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Growth Group Discussion Questions

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Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17

1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
2. What is the posture of your Christian life? When in a spiritual battle, are you more hunkered down, filled with fear, and just trying to hold on? Or, are you standing up and fighting the spiritual battle?
3. How do we usually fight temptations in our lives?
 - a. Reference Matthew 4:1-11. If Jesus, the Son of God, used the Word of God when fighting temptation, then how much more do we? How can we better emulate Jesus when tempted?
 - b. Have we memorized Scripture to prepare for battle? Here are a few verses to help in specific situations. Take a minute to read the verses and discuss if you rely on these or other passages when temptations come.
 - i. Ephesians 1 and Psalm 139:13 (your value to God when discouraged)
 - ii. 2 Timothy 2:22 and 1 Corinthians 10:13 (tempted to lust)
 - iii. James 1:19-20 (tempted to anger)
 - iv. Phil 4:6-7 (tempted to be anxious or worry)
4. From Matthew 4, we see three large categories of temptation. 1) We are all tempted to doubt God's goodness in suffering. 2) We are all tempted to forget God and treasure the stuff of the world. 3) We are all tempted to stand in place of God, directing God, telling Him to rubber-stamp our plans, prove Himself to us in our demanded way.
 - a. Share a time when you have seen the power of the Word of God help you overcome temptation.
5. How does the Spirit being attached to the sword ("sword of the Spirit") help give us comfort and confidence?
 - a. Share a time where you have seen the power of the Word of God empower you when speaking with others.
6. After hearing today's message, what needs to change in your life and your home?