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Discipleship Group Questions for January 4, 2017

TOPIC/THEME: “The Battle: Which Side Are You On?” Light vs. Dark

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: Ephesians 6:10-18

Additional Verses: Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 1:7; Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 4:1-11; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:

#1 - What is your favorite movie of all time? Is there an element of good vs. evil in it? If so what/how?

#2 - What was the best/worst thing that happened over break?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *Feel free to use whatever questions here you think best apply to your group. Remember the goal is go deeper in discussion and help the students to take the next step in their faith. All of these questions should help you get to the application of the lesson for each individual. The application may be different for each person in the group based on where they are at spiritually. Be sure to work from head to heart to hands!*

HEAD QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to get people talking, everyone answers based on their knowledge & understanding of the topic*

*Based on the lesson tonight, what is going on all around us and all the time?

*What are some common things that take place in a war?

*What is required to be on team light? What is required to be on team dark?

*What verse shared tonight impacted you the most and why?

*What did you learn (or re-learn) from tonight’s lesson?

*In your own words, what would you say was the main point of the lesson?

HEART QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to go deeper, answers should be specific to each individual rather than generic and in theory.*

*What do you think about the spiritual battle that’s taking place all around us? Do you believe that to be true?

*How do you know what side of the battle you are on? What side ARE you on?

*Is it possible to be on both sides of the battle? Support your answer (preferably with Scripture).

*Have you been on high alert, trying to resist the devil? If so, how? If not, why?

*How should/could you be better aware of the battle that’s going on?

HANDS QUESTIONS: *Use these questions to create application and action using what we’ve learned and discussed. Be specific about your plans and invite accountability & prayer to help affect change.*

*What’s something specific you can commit to do this week because of what we discussed tonight?

*What can we do this week to hold you accountable and to encourage you in your commitments this week?

*What will it look like for you to shine for Christ? Come up with at least one way you will commit to shine.

*How might you impact on the world around you if you allowed your light to shine? How can you do that this week?

*What do you need to do in order to make sure that you’re on team light?

*What can you do in order to capture/rescue others from the darkness?

RESOURCES: *Here are some additional resources that might be helpful to you as you prepare or if someone in your group wants to research deeper on this topic.*

- *What does the Bible say about spiritual warfare?* - <https://www.gotquestions.org/spiritual-warfare.html>

- *Do we need to be aware of spiritual warfare?* - <https://www.gotquestions.org/spiritual-battle.html>