

SMALL GROUP Q'S

War or Peace?
October 4, 2015
Ephesians 6:10-20

- 1.) How have you experienced (or heard from others if you haven't experienced yourself) the difference between peacetime and wartime living, such as was true in the USA and other countries during WWII?
- 2.) How often do you think about spiritual warfare? What are those thoughts when you have them? How does the idea make you feel personally?
- 3.) When you look at the way the church in general and Southwood specifically approaches spiritual matters, do you get the impression we're living in spiritual peacetime or wartime or somewhere in between? Why do you say this?
- 4.) Is Will criticizing everything about ideas like vacation or the enjoyment of God's many good gifts? Where could they fit into a wartime lifestyle, and on the other hand, how can we abuse them?
- 5.) The Bible speaks of Satan as a tempter, an accuser of the brethren, and the father of lies. How have you experienced any or all of these in your own life?
- 6.) Talk about the victory Jesus has achieved over Satan. How is this an encouragement to you in your own battle against sin, Satan, and evil?
- 7.) The armor of God is mentioned in six pieces (plus an urging toward constant prayer). What is one piece of the armor that you have "taken up" or "put on" in your own life to battle Satan?
- 8.) Will spoke of "abiding actively" in Christ as opposed to mere theoretical belief. What did he mean by this? In what situations in your life have you failed to apply something you believed to be true? What helps you to bring the reality of what you believe into the real circumstances of your life?
- 9.) Read Revelation 12:10-11 together and remember Paul's example from Ephesians 6:19-20 of requesting prayer for himself in prison not to get free but to preach the gospel boldly. Christians around the world and in our own country are regularly having to decide whether or not they love their lives more than their Savior. How much do you love your life and your "peaceful" lifestyle? Pray for each other, that we would battle against Satan by trusting the strength of Jesus and loving his gospel more than our own lives, even unto death.



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