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Fight Club: Reclaiming the Promises of God

Focus Believing God's Word is the key to fighting the enemy. The Bible reveals that we are not in a battle against flesh and blood but against the rulers of darkness and spiritual hosts of wickedness. People who believe in God's promises and fight the good fight of faith will prevail against the enemy.

Fun What is your favorite fall memory as a kid? Did you wear silly costumes as a kid (or adult)? What was the funniest or wildest one you ever wore?

Review Key Scriptures: Ephesians 6:12–13; Genesis 32:38

- All believers need to be in a “ready” position every day. The devil never takes a day off. He is always ready to attack us and to steal, kill, destroy. We need to be ready to fight and take hold of the promises of God for our lives.
- Satan's plan is to steal the Word of God from us. He is also always lying to us about our identity. We must fight to overcome and resist false identity. By reading God's Word we discover the identity God has given us. Then we must stand firm and fight for our true identity in Christ.
- In Genesis 32:38, the Angel of the Lord gave Jacob a new identity. Likewise, each of us has received a new identity in Christ. We must fight to fulfill our God-identity. By being ready each day, we will be able to resist the enemy and take hold of the promises of God for our lives.

Group Dynamics Idea Periodically get together with group members, individually or in small groups, outside the group meetings.

Discuss

1. Have you ever had to fight really hard for something? Was the result worth the fight? Explain.
2. Have you ever thought of life as being a fight? Is this idea weird or easy for you to imagine?
3. Jacob fought hard all night long with the Angel of the Lord. If you were Jacob, would you have fought that hard? Why or why not?
4. Read Ephesians 6:12–13. Does anything in the passage surprise you? In your own words, what do you think this passage of scripture means? And what would this look like in our daily lives?
5. What does fighting for your identity look like for you? Are there any areas in your life where you feel like the enemy has tried to come and steal your identity?
6. Give everyone paper and something to write with and read 1 Timothy 6:12 aloud. Now, take a moment to be silent: What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? What does God want you to fight for? Now write down on your paper what you feel like God wants you to fight for. Write a declaration that starting today, you will fight the good fight of faith for what God is saying to you. Put a date on your paper and keep it some place where you can be reminded of your declaration.

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- We are in a fight.
- We need to be in the ready position daily to fight the enemy.
- We must fight for the identity God has given us.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word. Please help us to daily be *ready* to fight the good fight of faith. Give us strength and wisdom to stand on Your promises and believe the identity You have given us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Take time to listen to other people, celebrating or empathizing with them. And actively look for ways to help others in the group get to know each other better.