



REFLECT:
(20 minutes minimum)

11. If your spiritual struggle were compared to a conventional war, where would you see yourself at this time?

- In the heat of the battle
- On the front lines
- With the reinforcements
- Mapping out strategy
- Helping with the supply lines
- Back at the base
- In training
- At boot camp
- AWOL

12. Where do you see the tactics of the devil being played out in your own life?

13. What role can this Life Group play in helping you resist the devil's schemes? How has this group blessed you in recent months?



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Ephesians #19

MARCHING ORDERS

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

Is there an empty chair to remind us to invite others to Life Group? Are you looking for visitors or members on Sunday mornings to invite to Life Group? Would you be willing to help us contact our Sunday morning visitors each week?

OPEN: 
(2 minutes)

1. Do you tend to be the trusting type, or are you suspicious of other people? Why?

2. My favorite war movie of all time is...

3. Which war in history has most captured your attention? Why?





Read Ephesians 6:10-13

4. Why would the imagery of warfare, soldiers and weapons make some churches uncomfortable today?
5. What does it mean to “be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power”?
6. **Where do you see the devil’s schemes (v.11) being played out in the world today?**
7. From his prison cell awaiting trial, Paul looks up and sees a raging battle (v.12-13). What is this battle? What is it over?
8. **Why is it important for all believers to prepare for spiritual battle? In what ways can the church help its people to prepare?**
9. Do you think Americans are as likely to perceive “spiritual warfare” to be as real as some people in other parts of the world? Why or why not?
10. How does Satan’s power compare to God’s? To ours? How can we possibly resist the devil?

Word Study:

“Stand your ground”— a military term meaning either “to take over” or “to hold out in a critical position on a battlefield.”