

Freedom in Christ: Who's the Real Enemy? | 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of January 14th, 2023

OVERVIEW

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the power of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil. As Christ followers, we have been given everything we need by God to combat and stand victorious against any scheme or temptation of the enemy!

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: Do you have any military background? **Or** How are you doing keeping up with your New Year Resolutions?

Activity: Reach out to your missionary!

PRAYER

Pray in Unison: "As a child of God who is seated with Christ in the heavenly places, I declare that every enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ in my presence be bound. God has not given me a spirit of fear; therefore, I reject any and all condemning, accusing, blasphemous, and deceiving spirits of fear. Satan and all his demons cannot inflict any pain or in any way prevent God's will from being done in my life today, because I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ."

BIBLE: READ 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6

1. How does the world wage war or respond to personal conflicts?
2. In contrast to how the world wages war, how do Christians engage in conflict against spiritual forces of evil?
3. Christians can wage a successful campaign in the spiritual realm only when they abandon human resources and totally rely on the power of Christ. Discuss what Paul means when he says that we have weapons with divine power to demolish strongholds.
 - a. What do you think a stronghold is?
 - b. Why should we as God's children be concerned with a stronghold?
 - c. What is this divine power Paul is referring to and how do we access this power to demolish a stronghold?
 - d. How should we view ourselves in light of this power we possess in Christ?
4. What are examples of false "arguments" or "pretensions" you have faced as a believer?
5. Paul instructs us to "*take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*" How does Paul intend for us to accomplish this? Explain.

APPLICATION

Jesus Christ has given us all that we need to combat strongholds and protect ourselves from evil. The primary "weapons" God has provided for us are "the Word" and "Prayer." Discuss in your group how you can apply this in each category below.

1. Faith, thought life and attitude:
2. Family, parenting:
3. Church and Missions:
4. Community/World:

