

CONNECT Group study questions for March. 24, 2019
Title: “Spiritual Warfare”

Last week we mentioned that Pastor Peppy was wrapping up Daniel, but there was more to say about this insightful book of the Old Testament. This week we look back at Daniel 10 and the spiritual circumstances surrounding his prayer.

1. As we read about the spiritual warfare behind the scenes of Daniel’s prayer, we are given the chance to meditate on how our own prayer lives experience resistance and struggle. Over the past several months we have talked a lot about prayer, and we want to visit this subject again as prayer is such a vital part of the Christian life.

- What insights have you gained about prayer in general and in your personal experience as we have studied the book of Daniel? Think back to previous discussions.
- Have you experienced any changes in your prayer life as a result of these insights?
- Prayer is primarily about relationship and not about getting what we want or just a to-do list for God. Do you find it difficult to experience the relationship aspects of prayer? Why or why not?

2. Peppy mentioned Ephesians 6 in his Sermon. The “Armor of God” is Paul’s metaphor about spiritual preparation and discipline. It is not some sort of magic formula. It is an analogy for the spiritual disciplines (“stand firm!”) that change our thinking and our lives in relation to truth, righteousness, gospel readiness, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. Just as a soldier puts on his armor to be ready to stand in battle, so we must discipline our minds and our lives to be able to stand in God’s truths.

- Which of the spiritual disciplines have you found to be helpful in your spiritual life? Share with your group.

3. For the last few weeks we have been talking about the challenge that Peppy issued to us—to spend some time everyday reading the Scripture and then praying a prayer that is in relation to that Scripture.

- When you read your Bible and pray, what are some of the tips you have learned to help you make the time, stay focused, and avoid interruptions?
- As you have been trying to read and pray with Scripture daily, what has God been showing you this month?