

Faith > Fear

“The Sword of the Spirit”

Week of July 19, 2020

Personal Reflection & Group Discussion Guide

Main Idea

1. Great warriors are known for their weapons. When you think of the “spiritual” weapons that have been discussed in these teachings on the armor of God from Ephesians 6:11-17, which are the ones you “use” most? What is the reason you answered the way you did?
2. What are at least three purposes a sword serves?
3. Based on your responses to #2 above, how does that relate to the Spirit?
4. In this Ephesians verse, the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. What are some reasons you think the Word is equated to a sword?
5. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that, “. . . the word of God is alive and active.” How has the Word of God been alive and active in your life?
6. From the teaching, there are two users of the Sword of the Spirit:
 - The Holy Spirit - uses God’s word to dig deep in us, cut through our erroneous thinking and attitudes, tear down strongholds, assess where you are in Him - apathetic, argumentative, cooperative, committed, aligned. How has the Holy Spirit used the Word to do any of these things in you?
 - You - use the Word of God in the moment you need it, in the face of temptation, to determine truth. What are some examples of when you used the Word of God in any of these ways?
7. So, the big of the Sword is, “where are you... big apathetic, argumentative, cooperative, committed, aligned?”

Christians should be known for our ability to handle the weapon and our vulnerability to allow the weapon to handle them.

The Sword of the Spirit handles us as we handle it.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
Ephesians 6:17
John 1:14
Hebrews 4:12
1 Timothy 3:16

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.

