



**Northland Christian Church
Group Discussion Guide
For the Week of August 1, 2021**

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- What's your favorite warrior story?
- Share about a time when have you been able to overcome a big obstacle with the Lord's help.

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

2 Samuel 23:8-38

The Context - Real Warriors

Inside every believer is a warrior.

You may not know it, want to believe it, or have tried to tame it but there is a warrior inside of you. Why? As followers of Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. He is doing the work in us through growth, gifts, talents, and connecting to the resurrection power of Jesus. The battles you're facing may or may not be physical but you and I and everyone here is facing a battle.

Today's passage is a great reminder that with the strength of the Lord, we are able to do more than we think. We have more strength, ability, and resources available to us than we sometimes realize. The Lord always gives us exactly what we need for life.

How do we do this when things get difficult? Stop focusing on what's wrong with your circumstances and start focusing on what's right with your God. We have to start reframing what we see but looking towards God more than we look at anything else. We need to strive, with the Lord's help to take every thought captive - we need to see every anxiety, every part of your story, and every event through the possibilities of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Never forget - **Inside every believer is a warrior.**

Discuss & Apply

1. What encourages you in today's reading? What challenges you today? What do today's passages teach you about the nature of our journey as followers of Jesus?
2. When has someone else been a warrior fighting for your good? When have you been a warrior for someone else? How have you seen the presence of the Lord in these moments?
3. Read **Philippians 4:13, 2 Corinthians 12:9, 1 John 4:4, Exodus 15:3**. What do these passages teach us? How should they influence and inform our outlook on life and situations?
4. Where do you see God's power at work? Where do you need to see God's power at work? How do worship, thanksgiving, and daily time with the Lord impact this?
5. What has Jesus won for us? (See **Colossians 2:13-15**)
6. Are you looking at life through the lens of the victory you have through Jesus? What can you adjust to see it this way, or to help others to see it this way?
7. What is one thing that God is asking you to step out in faith to fight, engage, or overcome? Is there someone the Lord is calling you to help fight for? How can we help?

End your group time in prayer.