

# spiritual warfare

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



Content



Care



Connection



Commission

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Northview Cares “Hey, Neighbour” Food Drive. Find out more at [northview.org/northview-cares/](http://northview.org/northview-cares/)
- Baptism Classes. The next Baptism Class will be October 15 at 7:00pm. For more information, email [baptism@northview.org](mailto:baptism@northview.org).
- Registration for on-site services is now open on Wednesdays at 12pm. Be sure to check your inbox for your confirmation email to make sure you are registered.
- Praise God for the official launching of our Central Abbotsford Campus, meeting at Mill Lake Church on Saturday evenings. As well as the re-opening of our East Abbotsford Campus, now meeting on Sunday afternoons at the Downes Rd Campus!
- Need prayer? Email [requestprayer@northview.org](mailto:requestprayer@northview.org) to submit a request to our prayer team

### KEEP MEETING TOGETHER

We want to encourage you to continue meeting together! As you feel comfortable, consider gathering together physically. Please continue to be sensitive to your individual group members’ comfort level with this. If online meetings are still needed, keep going! The most important thing during this season is to keep connecting!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Content:** Pray that the truth of God’s Word in our new sermon series would sanctify our Church in a special way and we would understand that our suffering pales in comparison to the glory that will be revealed.

**Connect:** Together, brothers and sisters in Christ, we share in sufferings and glory as children of God. Pray that we would make significant efforts to stand together against the devil’s schemes.

**Care:** Pray that God would grant our Church a diligent heart of prayer for one another. That the Spirit would bring to mind those who face suffering right now.

**Commission:** Pray that we would don the armor of God and resist the devil’s schemes. That the gospel would shine brightly through us in this dark world.

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## 1 Peter 5:8

### LOOK

#### 1. Read 1 Peter 5:8-11

- What stands out to you from the passage?
- What seems important to you?
- Find the who, what, where, when, how of the passage.
- What ideas or words are repeated?
  - *Note the three commands in the passage (be sober-minded, be alert, resist) (vv.8-9)*
  - *The Devil is prowling (like a lion), emphasizing his power and influence rather than his craftiness (v.8)*
  - *The Devil is prowling (like a lion), he is actively seeking out Christians to devour (v.8)*
  - *Satan desires us to fall away from the faith (v.9)*
  - *You are not alone in your suffering, all Christians are facing the same kinds of suffering (v.9)*
  - *God is described as the God of all grace (v.10)*
  - *God is the one who will call, confirm, restore, and strengthen believers (v.10)*
  - *Suffering is an expected part of the Christian life (v.10)*
  - *There will be an end to suffering, but the glory we have in Christ is eternal (v.10)*
  - *God's grace anticipates restoring people who stumble in the face of the prowling lion (v.10)*
  - *God is sovereign, even over satan and suffering (v.11)*

### LEARN

#### 1. Read 1 Peter 4:12-13

- What do we learn about suffering as part of the Christian life?
  - *Suffering is to be expected*
- What is the contrast between suffering and glory that this passage makes?

*Suffering in the present is temporary but the glory to come is eternal*

#### 2. Read Romans 8:17-19

- What relationship does Paul point to as an encouragement during Christian suffering?
  - *We share in sufferings and glory as children of God*
- What reason does Paul give for persevering in suffering?
  - *Suffering does not compare to the glory that will be revealed*

#### 3. Read Ephesians 6:14-18.

- What tools is the Christian given to help them resist the devil's schemes?
  - *The armor of God is how we resist the devil's schemes*
- What kind of effort is required of the Christian?
  - *We are commanded to stand - there is significant effort required!*

### LIVE

#### 1. Expect suffering

- How do you respond when you face suffering?
- What are some comforting Scriptures that we can look to (meditate on, pray through, read to others) when we suffer?
- Who are people in your life that you can pray for right now as they face suffering?

#### 2. Resist suffering

- Don't get caught outside the herd
  - What is your level of engagement with weekend services?
  - How are you connected to other Christians in your daily life?
- Who are the people in your life that help you resist the attacks of Satan? How do they help you?