

spiritual warfare

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



Content



Care



Connection



Commission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are a NHSY, NYA, Bible Study or Downes Rd Community Group Leader, join us on Friday, October 30th at 7pm for our first of many Discipleship Workshops. Email Amanda at discipleship@northview.org to register.
- We want to highlight that we brought in over 5,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank. Thank you for coming on board and donating so generously!
- 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.
 - October 18: Center Court will be open as a venue for Sunday services at 9:00am & 11:00am.
- We're having a Child Dedication Family Service this November. If you want to learn more or register for the Child dedication service, head over to www.northview.org/child-dedications, or email Madi at mharris@northview.org.
- We will be hosting a Harvest Party Drive-thru event at the Downes Road Campus on October 31 from 2-4pm! This will be a combined event with Northview Kids, Middle School, and High School Youth. Visit northview.org for more information.

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 for the teaching ministry of Northview's staff as they proclaim the gospel.

Connect: Pray for true connection amongst the body of Christ. That we would be a people that would confide in and confess to one another as we repent of our sin and seek Christ daily.

Care: Pray for Christians in your life (CG, workplace, friends, family, etc.). Pray that they will "keep alert with all perseverance" as they face Satan's schemes.

Commission: Pray for boldness in your own life as you have opportunities to share the gospel with friends and co-workers.

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Ephesians 6:18-20

LOOK

1. Read Ephesians 6:18-20

- 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?

- *The fight against Satan is described in 6:10-20. What we use (the armor of God) is described in vv.13-17 and how we use it described in vv.18-20.*

- *Note the commands listed in this passage: keep alert and make supplications... continuing the longer list of commands from vv.10-18 (be strong, put on, take up, stand firm).*

- *Paul asks for prayer to be emboldened in preaching the gospel (v.19) - even though he was one of the most naturally gifted preachers in the early church.*

- *Note the repetition of the commands to pray: praying at all times, all kinds of prayers, pray for the saints, pray for Paul.*

- *Note the call to persevere (v.18) - the struggle with Satan described in vv.10-17 is an ongoing process!*

- *Paul is in prison (v.20) and all he can think about is proclaiming the gospel, with boldness!*

LEARN

1. Read Psalm 109:1-5

- What causes David to cry out to God in this passage?

Wicked and deceitful mouths (v.2), hatred (v.3), attack without cause (v.3), accusations (v.4), repaying evil for good (v.5)

- What is David's response to the suffering he faces?

David chooses to be a man of prayer (v.4)

2. Read Jude 19-21

- What is the primary difference between "worldly" people and Jude's audience (called "you" or "beloved" in v.20)?

Worldly people do not have the Spirit, God's people do and must pray in the Spirit!

- How does Jude teach his audience to pray?

He commands them to "pray in the Spirit" (v.20)

- Why should they pray?

To keep themselves in the love of God (v.21) - persevere in the faith!

LIVE

This text is filled with exhortations to pray: pray always, for all the saints, make all kinds of prayers, etc.

- The first situation Paul has in mind is the Christian's spiritual warfare against Satan's schemes (v.11).

- Take some time to pray for Christians in your life (CG, workplace, friends, family, etc.). Pray that they will "keep alert with all perseverance" as they face Satan's schemes.

- Take some time and pray for the struggle against sin in your own life. Ask for God's Spirit to give you the strength to stand in the evil day (v.13)! This can be a time of silent confession, or you can break into groups of 2-3 if you feel comfortable doing that.

- The second situation Paul has in mind, is the proclamation of the gospel (v.19).

- Take some time to pray for the teaching ministry of Northview's staff as they proclaim the gospel.

- Take some time to pray for boldness in your own life as you have opportunities to share the gospel with friends and co-workers.