

Life Group Discussion Guide

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***Thriving in Babylon* Sermon Series**

“The Seen and Unseen Battle” by Pastor Tony

Leaders, please choose only the best question(s) for your group

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Below are some discussion questions relating to a recent sermon. These are provided so that your Life Group can discuss what was shared. Previous Weeks' Discussion Guides and Sermon Notes are available through the [Sermons under the Resources menu](#). Click on the sermon series and then the sermon you are interested in. You will see a paper icon under the sermon title. Click the icon to open the sermon notes. To listen to the sermon, click on the speaker icon.

Summary and Context: Our series, *Thriving in Babylon*, is focused on how we can live for God even when the culture around us denies him and belittles/persecutes those who follow him. Daniel, because of his service and confidence in a faithful God, had the privilege of impacting the lives of four different kings and their kingdoms! He *thrived* in his faith even in the midst of extreme cultural pressures because of his commitment to and relationship with the living God. As we wrap up this series, we are going to see the reality of spiritual battles within the culture. These battles, many times, reveal themselves through human conflict, but the source is much more sinister. Daniel's story today reveals that sinister side, and its troubling effects upon him. It also reveals how Daniel dealt with the unseen battle and how God gave him victory.

Sermon Texts: Daniel 10:1-3, 12, 13; 14-11:1; Hebrews 1:14; Ephesians 6:10-17. 2 Kings 6:11-17

Discussion Guide:

We can become so easily distracted with relational conflict and forget that spiritual warfare is real. The truth is that the battle is more *UNseen* than seen—it is happening in the spiritual realm. How does a typical believer fight against the unseen? By using the weapons provided us in Ephesians 6:13-17

1. Belt of truth.
2. Breastplate of righteousness.
3. Feet ready for sharing the gospel of peace.
4. Shield of faith.
5. Helmet of salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the six weapons (above) given to protect the believer in spiritual warfare. What exactly are they and how does a believer use them? How does prayer play a key part?
2. What is the biggest mistake we can make as we face a spiritual battle?
3. How much do the demands of an excessive culture affect our ability to utilize the weapons available to us? How do we counter that?
4. Depression/Anxiety is a growing problem, especially among young people, affecting many in our culture. How can we discern what is physical, emotional and/or spiritual?
5. What part could a Life Group play in the spiritual battles of its members?

Each one of us are surrounded by people in our relational world, our *Oikos*, who are watching our responses to situations every day.

1. What strategy of the enemy is most effective, in your opinion, to adversely affect our *oikos* relationships? What is the best weapon to overcome it?

Digging Deeper:

1. Go to the gospels and discover the stories of Jesus and how he dealt with his spiritual battles. What are the characteristics of his strategies?