

WORLDS OF WARFARE II

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

WEEK #1: PSYOP

INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

As we watch people battle against each other and the damage and suffering it causes, it's clear that Satan is in charge of our world system right now. It won't always be this way. Our commander, Jesus, is arriving soon. But for now, we're behind enemy lines. We have been called into battle, but not against people and not with material weapons. Our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to love people and fight against Satan and his demons. Let's roll!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Scripture tells us in Ephesians that "we are not fighting against people...but against a person without bodies." We are engaged in spiritual warfare. What comes to mind when you hear about spiritual warfare?
2. Scripture tells us in 2 Timothy and 1 Peter to gently instruct those who oppose the truth and to live an exemplary life so that our actions refute their prejudices. What are some practical ways to do this in our relationships with others to help them see the truth? What does it look like for you to live an exemplary life?
3. Have you ever found yourself wrapped up in a conspiracy theory? How did it impact your thinking and your faith? What did you do to come to your senses?
4. Pastor Mark said one of the biggest questions we can ask ourselves is, "What informs your thinking?" How would you answer that question?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

TAKEAWAYS

Scripture references from the message: *Eph. 6:12 TLB, Rev. 12:12, Rev. 5:11, 2 Cor 10:4 NET, Eph. 2:2-4 NLT, 2 Tim 2:25-26 NLT, 1 Peter 2:11-12 MSG, Isa 8:11-12, 17-20 NLT, Ps 119:19-20 TLB, Phil 4:8 TLB, Col 3:2 NIV, Prov 4:23*

Quotes from Pastor Marks Message:

"We must choose to focus, not on the crazy stuff around us, but on God and what He's doing."

"The Word of God must become more to us than it ever has before."

"Thinking is way more important to God than we realize."

"Sometimes we're more careful where we park our car than where we park our minds!"