



# WORLDS OF WARFARE — THE WEAPONS —

## WEEK # 1: THE SWORD

### INTRODUCTION

As Christ-followers, we are in the heat of battle on enemy soil. Satan has had thousands of years to build up strongholds that fortify his empire. And with his reign coming to a close, he's fighting harder than ever. But our Commander says that our weapons have divine power to demolish strongholds. If this is true, if the strongholds remain in place, we either not using the weapons we have, or more probable; we don't know we have them. It's time for a strategy session. Let's get acquainted with our arsenal!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?
2. Every day, as a follower of Christ, you are going into battle. Often we fight our battles with our enemy's weapons (anger, division, revenge) instead of our Heavenly Father's weapons (love, patience, kindness). Have you ever found yourself fighting the right battle but with the wrong weapon? Give an example.
3. Scripture tells us that the Word of God is "the Sword of the Spirit." Pastor Stephen said that the Bible is a weapon forged in another world, terrifies the enemy, and gives us hope. What comes to mind when you think about the Word of God as a weapon? What do you think about the points Pastor Stephen gave describing the Bible.
4. To use a weapon properly, it's helpful to be familiar with it. What can you do (or what do you do currently) to become or remain familiar with the Sword of the Spirit?

### TAKEAWAYS

#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

*Isaiah 40:22 / Job 26:7 / Psalm 22:16-18 / Matthew 4:4, 4:10 / Revelation 20:10 / Jeremiah 1:5, 29:11 / Psalm 139:13-14.*

#### QUOTES:

*"The Bible is a weapon because it is a threat to all evil everywhere."*

*"Don't miss out on your destiny because you failed to use what God put in your hand."*

*"The Bible answers the questions, 'Why am I here? and Where am I going?'"*