



Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.

**Armed for Battle: How to Win the War
Am I Wielding the Sword?
Ephesians 6:17
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The _____ is the _____
that is the _____ of God.

There should be no such thing as a _____ Christian soldier.

Why There Are So Many Swordless Christian Soldiers

- 1) We mistake _____ with _____ the sword
- 2) We misunderstand the _____ that is _____
with the sword
- 3) We mis-prioritize _____ to wield the sword by
pursuing _____ things

The Big Idea

Wielding the word, the sword of the Spirit, _____
_____ what we need to win our battles.

What Wielding the Word (the Sword of the Spirit) Powerfully Provides...

- 1) _____ in a wicked world.
- 2) _____ into our hard hearts.
- 3) _____ against the Adversary's attacks.

Applying It to My Life

- _____ the Word of God
- _____ and _____ the Word of God

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of November 24 - 30

1. Have one or two people share their stories to start the group.
2. What is your favorite Bible verse?

SERMON OVERVIEW

3. Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

DIGGING IN: READ EPHESIANS 6:17

4. How does Ephesians 6:17 describe the Word of God as a weapon? Why do you think Paul compares it to a sword?
5. How have you experienced the Bible being a source of strength or guidance during challenges?
6. What are some practical ways to ensure you're equipped with God's Word throughout your week?
7. When was the last time you intentionally used Scripture to overcome temptation, doubt, or fear? What was the result?
8. Are there areas in your life where you feel ill-equipped to use the Word of God? How can this group help you grow in confidence?
9. How can we discern when and how to use Scripture in a way that aligns with God's will?
10. How can you make Scripture more central in your daily routine this week?

APPLYING IT

11. Can we memorize a Bible verse together as a group to better wield the sword of the Spirit?

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LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Pack A Shoebox: Thank you for your generosity and timeliness in returning the shoeboxes. FINAL DAY IS TODAY, Sunday, November 24.

Surviving the Holidays: Sunday, December 1, 12:15-2pm. We all experience holiday stress, whether it's just life or grieving the loss of a loved one. We want to help you survive by offering a holiday workshop. Childcare is available.

Jingle Jam: Sunday, December 8, 12-2pm. Bring a friend or neighbor and make some new memories with activities like a Gingerbread House decorating contest and sugar cookie decorating, Enjoy s'mores, a popcorn bar, hot chocolate by the fire and a cozy lunch with soup, bread, and salad.

Christmas Eve: December 24, 2:00 & 3:30pm. Join us for a family-friendly Christmas Eve candlelight celebration. Childcare available for little ones under 5. Come and see what our favorite Christmas movies have to say about faith (even How the Grinch that Stole Christmas).

Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering: 6:30-8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

Middle School Sunday Service: 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

Young Adults: Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com.

AA Recovery Group "Grace Abounds": Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Coffeeshouse.



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