

COUNTER CULTURE

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

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INSTRUCTIONS

- As we learn from Scripture how we should live in a world that rejects Christ, it will be helpful for every family to talk about how they can live for Christ in their specific situations.
 - How can you live for Christ at your workplace or school?
 - What does that mean to be a witness for Christ in your family and your extended family?
 - How should adults live for Christ in a world that rejects Christ?
 - How should youth or children live for Christ in a world that rejects Christ?
- Our goal is that every family will have a one-hour discussion each week about these issues during this six week sermon series.

Week #6: I Will Stay in the Battle

Ice Breaker

- Describe a time that you were shocked to find someone standing near you when you least expected it.

Digging into the Word

- According to Leviticus 23:4-7, what was commemorated on the 14th day? What was celebrated for the next seven days?
- Why was Daniel fasting?
- How is Daniel's encounter on the riverbank described in Daniel 10:4-6?
- Read Daniel 10:7-19.
What are the postures he described?

Intersecting Scripture with Life

- Daniel fasted and prayed to gain understanding.
What things do you do to gain understanding from God?
- Why did God choose to reveal His message to Daniel away from home?
- How does it make you feel to think that a spiritual war is being waged around you between the power of God and the power of evil?
- How important is prayer as a weapon in our daily life?
- Have you ever thought about how you would react if Jesus suddenly appeared to you while you were praying? How do you picture that?

Tips or questions to help children engage in discussing this topic...

Let's do an exercise with our eyes. Take a look around the room you are in. Name something that you can see in this room. (chair, wall, window, etc.) Now, name things that are in the room that you cannot see (air, heart, lungs, etc.) Air is something in your room that exists but we can't see it, How do we know air exists? We know that air allows us to be able to breath! Even though we can't really see air, we know that it exists through our senses like hearing, touch or smell.

In Daniel chapter 10, Daniel saw a great battle. This battle was going on in a world you cannot see. Read Daniel 10:12-14 What happened to the angel as soon as Daniel started to pray?

Should we be frightened with knowing that there is a spiritual battle going on between the power of God and the power of evil that we cannot see?

If we are believers, we do not need to fear. Our God is greater! "You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." I John 4:4

How are we supposed to live knowing that there is a spiritual battle going on in the unseen world? God has given us such a powerful weapon in prayer! We are to help fight the battle. Pray!

Tips or questions to help youth engage in discussing this topic...

- What is something you have prayed for that you felt God answered?
- How do you think you react if you had a face to face encounter with Jesus?
- How would that encounter change the way you live your life?