

GOD *With* US

IN THE BATTLE – WEEK 3

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

God is with us in every moment. We may feel that we are deep in a valley, or alone in a desert. We might be on top of the mountain looking for direction, or just waiting to see if our prayers will be answered. No matter our circumstances, we can celebrate that God is with us.

Key Questions:

1. Who was someone you battled with the most as a kid? Can you remember your biggest fight/battle?
2. In every battle, there are 3 elements. The first (and most obvious) is THE ENEMY. Ben said there are 2 types of enemies in every battle – physical & spiritual. What are some of the physical battles you have fought in your life? What did you experience & go thru as you were fighting that battle?
3. Read **John 10:10**. The spiritual enemy in every battle is SATAN. What does this verse tell us about what Satan wants for our lives? Why is it so easy to overlook the spiritual battle that's happening in our lives?
4. When you go thru life's battles, do you tend to seek other people to help you go thru the battle or do you try to go thru it alone? For those who try to do it alone, why do we have the tendency to do that? When we go thru it alone, what are we missing out on?
5. Read **2 Chronicles 20:9,12**. We have a God who is bigger than our enemies. Do you often see that or do you focus solely on the enemy (and feeling surrounded by that circumstance)? Why?
6. Ben said that feeling surrounded by God instead of our enemies requires us to be in the presence of God. What disciplines (prayer, worship, Scripture, fasting, etc.) do you need to take more serious to get in His presence?
7. Read **John 16:33**. Christ overcame the biggest battle on earth – death. It gives us hope that He wants to help us overcome our battles. What battles do you need to turn over to Him?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?