

Insurgency

The God Who
Delivers Us - IV
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Open in prayer and read Matthew 6:9-13.

Who is the evil one?

- The evil one is known as the accuser, or Satan, our enemy. The enemy is real, and he is out to try and destroy real people like you and me.
- This enemy has schemes. What are some of his schemes?
- We serve a faithful God who wants to equip us with armor to stand against the schemes of the evil one. - **Read Ephesians 6:10-20**

The God Who Delivers Us:

- Gives us the shield of faith

“In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” – Ephesians 6:16

- It is interesting how Paul connects our spiritual armor with that of a Roman soldier. Why do you think he does this?
- What are the flaming arrows of the evil one? Can you think of any examples of how the enemy uses his arrows to attack you, your family or your friends?
- J. Scott shared how he believed three lies about himself:
 1. I'll never measure up.
 2. I'm not accepted.
 3. I'm not worthy.Are there any lies that you have believed about yourself? If so, how has the shield of faith protected you in these moments?

Read this out loud as a group: We don't have to fight for acceptance or approval because it was already done at the cross.

- As the body of Christ, we are stronger together when we lock arms and lift our shields of faith. Is there someone you can reach out to and lock arms with?
- Gives us the helmet of salvation

“Take the helmet of salvation.” – Ephesians 6:17a

As believers, we now have the mind of Christ. How?

- When we learn that God invites us into His story, we begin to learn more of who we are in Him. - Read Galatians 2:20. Discuss why this verse is so important for us to understand.
- As we learn more of who we are in Him, we realize: We have been saved from the penalty of sin (justification). We are being saved from the power of sin (sanctification). We will one day be saved from the presence of sin (glorification).
- As we know God’s story, we grow in God’s story and then we go in God’s story.

- **Gives us the sword of the Spirit**

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.” – Ephesians 6:17b.

- God gives us a playbook (the Bible) to understand who Jesus is and how we are to live Upward. Inward. Outward. lives.
- Do you struggle with connecting Scripture to Jesus? If so, how can TC be of support to you to help you grow in this area?

The studying of the Bible (word of God) leads us to worship Christ.

- Read: John 5:38-39
- Why do you think the Pharisees were missing who the Scriptures were pointing to? How can we help our friends, coworkers and classmates better understand who Jesus is?

- **Gives us the Spirit to help us pray.**

“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.” – Ephesians 6:18

- When God places someone on your heart, stop and pray.
- A prayerless life is a powerless life. How can we make sure prayer is a priority in our lives?

We don’t fight our battles for victory, we fight our battles from victory.

- We are not meant to do life alone. How can we continue to fight our battles with our brothers and sisters?
- End by praying over the battle’s individuals are facing in your group.

Soul-Tattoo:

- Share your story with someone this week and continue to live from victory.