

Ignite Week #2 Lesson

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34

Chapter Two: *Prayer is Spiritual Warfare*

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Group questions:

- Have you ever been in a fight? If so, how did it end?

- Who or what would you be willing to fight for today?

- Whether you enjoy fighting or not, when it's time to fight, the outcome will be better if you are prepared.
- Our enemy, Satan, is looking to fight us everyday.
- Jesus explains to Peter that Satan wants to fight (sift him), but that He prayed for Peter.
- The only weapon that Jesus decided to use against the attack was prayer.
- Understand that Satan would not attack you if you weren't a threat.
- What God has planned for you is so great that the enemy wants to stop you now and at any cost.
- What plans are you trusting God for in the future?

- Satan had to ask for permission from Jesus to sift Peter.
- The enemy is not as powerful as he might seem. He needs to be allowed access to your life.
- So why would God give him access to your life? (Good question)
- Good parents understand that sometimes they must permit things that they do not prefer for the development of their child.
- God allows the enemy *some* access to you and not *complete* access, it is only to help you grow.
- Whenever you find yourself in a spiritual battle remember that prayer is still the answer to defeating devil.
- Jesus knew Peter's need and addressed it in prayer.
- What is your current prayer request that you would like for the group to pray?

- Read Galatians 6:7-10
- When was the last time you were tired and wanted to give up?

- The trick of the enemy is to deceive us into believing that we will not win.
- In war, such as World War I, the battle is won not always by might, but rather by which side is willing to stay in the fight the longest.
- Prayer like life is not a sprint. It is a marathon. The longer you stay focused, the closer you are to finishing well.

- Paul writes in this epistle that we should not give up because in due season we will reap.
- The enemy will use deception, temptation, or even accusation to defeat us; but his favorite weapon is delay.
- We must defeat his weapons with our own, starting with trust and patience in the Lord.
- Before any fruit is reaped, it will have to be planted and then given time to grow.
- What are you waiting on to reap in due season?

- Prayer pushes resources and reinforcements to the frontline of the battle.
- Our job/role is to pray in season and out of season as we are trusting God to send the supplies in due season.

Suggested Group Activities For This Week:

- Create a “Prayer Wall” in your group where each member can add a prayer request inviting everyone to pray with them. This can be a social page or a Google group document that everyone has access to.
- Make a list of scriptures that deal with prayer in order to have a complete list for weekly reading.
- Continue to work on “*Ignite*” covenant for group members to sign next week (week #3).
- Continue to add names of friends and family members for the group to pray over.

