



DISCUSSION GUIDE SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Dive In

- Describe a time when you have been forced to defend your spiritual beliefs. How did you respond?
- When have you seen the Christian faith attacked? Under what circumstances was Christianity attacked?

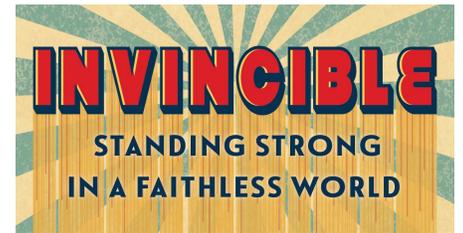
Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

- Our enemy is Satan, the prince of darkness. Who is he? Why is it so difficult to fight Satan?
- What are some of the lies Satan has convinced the world to believe?
- When do we first see Satan lie to us? (Genesis 3:1-6). How does Satan manipulate Eve?
- How could Eve have used pieces of the armor to protect her from Satan's lies?
- Through prayer we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives (Luke 11:1-13; Romans 8:26-27). How does the Holy Spirit help us fight the spiritual forces of Satan (John 14:16; Acts 8:26; Eph. 6:10-15)?

Do Big

- Look at each piece of armor in Ephesians 6:14-17. Think about which piece of armor you need most. Talk about why you need this piece and how you will use it this next week to fight Satan's lies.
- Paul says to "pray in the spirit on all occasions". How can your prayers this next week help alert you to the spiritual forces at war around you?
- Call on the Holy Spirit to help you fight the battle with Satan this next week.



LEADERS

Read:

2 Cor. 11:14; Eph.4:26-27; 1 Peter 5:8-9

Background:

Genesis 3:1-6 – Satan used manipulation and lies to tempt Eve.

Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan used God's own words to tempt Jesus.

John 8:44 – Satan is the Father of lies.

Weekly Memory Verse:

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

Ephesians 6:10-11