

STUDY GUIDE: THE BATTLE: “The Fight”

Discussion Starters

1. What constitutes a “fight” in your mind?
2. Who have you fought with the most in your life?

Study:

3. Using an exhaustive concordance and/or topical Bible, discover everything you can about fighting spiritual battles in the New Testament. Note the passages you found and what they taught you below.

4. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“seeing” (Matthew 14:30)—

--“doubt” (Matthew 14:31)—

--“worshiped” (Matthew 14:33)—

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--“rulers” (Ephesians 6:12)—

--“powers” (Ephesians 6:12)—

--“lust” (James 1:14)—

5. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

6. We battle both other creatures (spiritual) and ourselves. What is the same and what is different about these battles?

Taking It Home

7. List as many kinds of spiritual battle as you can think of (be prepared to discuss why you think they fit this description).

8. Give at least three ways you can battle temptation (it helps if you can choose a specific one—you won’t have to divulge which one to anyone else).

9. How would you coach a Christian who is experiencing what you recognize as a spiritual battle?