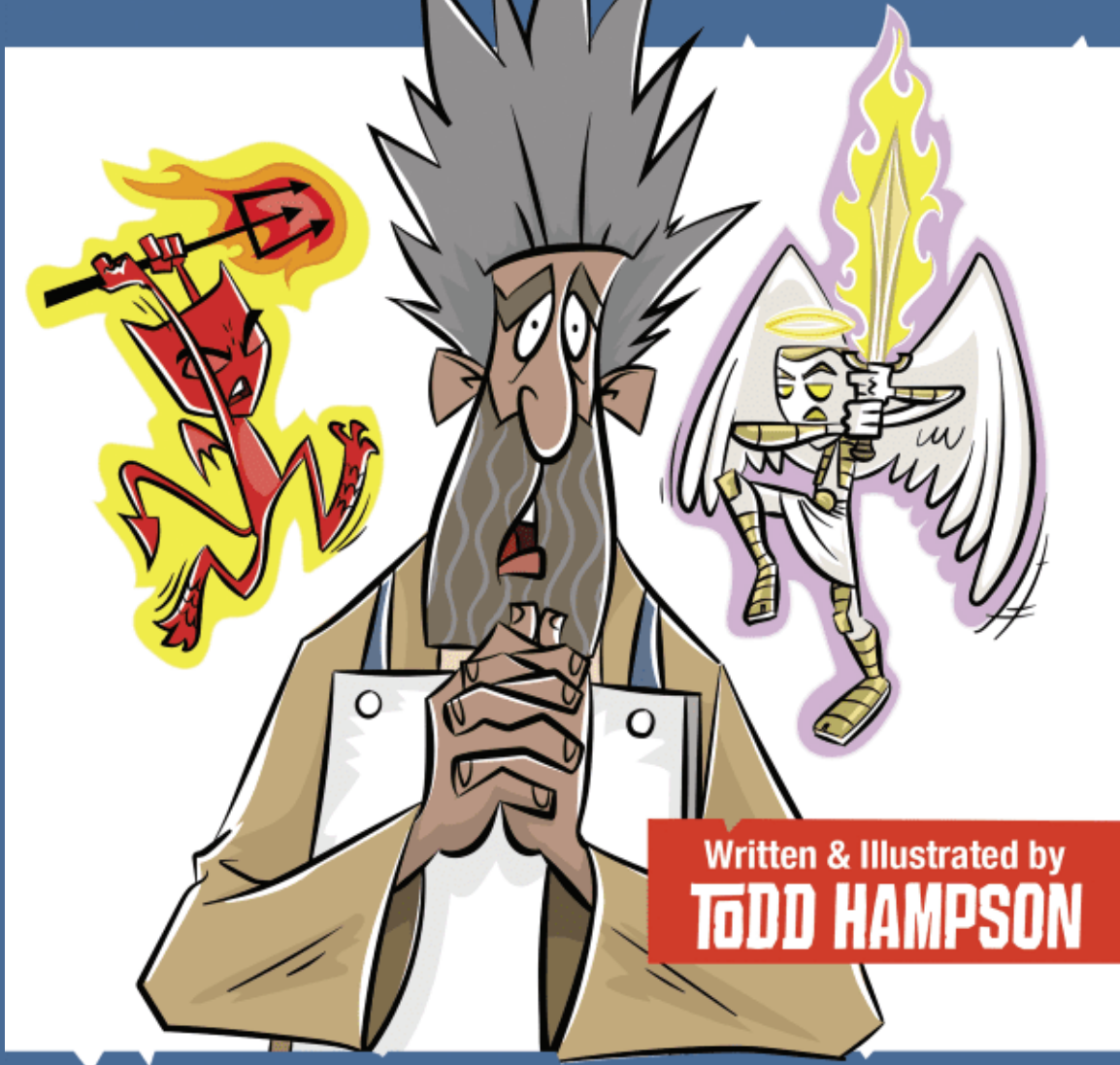


# THE NON-PROPHET'S GUIDE™ TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE



**WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW**

- ➔ Equips you for battle
- ➔ Addresses common misunderstandings
- ➔ Provides keys to finishing strong

## SMALL-GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE

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# INTRODUCTION

**H**ello small group leader! Thank you for courageously leading others through a study about spiritual warfare! I have prayed for you. I have prayed for God to lead and guide you. I have prayed for His protection over you. And I have prayed that those in your small group would come to know Christ better and position themselves to be used by Him as well.

I have assembled questions that should spur some discussion. Don't feel you have to get through every question or that you can't add your own! There are 19 weeks' worth of questions, but combine or extend weeks as needed. I would suggest reading through the questions a few days in advance of your small group meeting, then prayerfully picking a paragraph, page, or key theme to briefly cover at the opening of your session.

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” ([Romans 8:31,37 NIV](#))

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TODD AMPSON". The signature is stylized with vertical lines through the letters.

# WEEK

# 1

## PRE-GENESIS HISTORY

(Ch. 1)

1. Yogi Berra once said, “The future ain’t what it used to be!” How are you finding that to be true today?
2. How would you explain to an unbeliever why God allowed the possibility of evil?
3. No other aspect of Scripture has been more attacked and maligned in the last 150 years than the biblical creation account. Why do you think that is?
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 2

## ANGELS AND FALLEN ANGELS EXPLAINED (Ch. 2)

1. When were angels created and for what purpose?
2. What is the purpose of God's "Cabinet"?
3. Who makes up the Heavenly Court? What type of angel was Satan and what was his role in that Court before he rebelled?
4. In what ways are angels and fallen angels prevalent in our culture today?
5. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 3

## THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE (Ch. 3)

1. After reading this chapter, did your perception of Satan in the Garden of Eden change? If so, how?
2. Why did Adam and Eve not flee in terror when Satan approached them? What about our world today makes it easier for Satan to lure us into wrong choices? Give specific examples of how you have and are currently fighting these common temptations.
3. Discuss with the group how and why Satan has consistently tried—and is still trying—to keep prophecy from being fulfilled.
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 4

## GENESIS 6 AND THE PRE-FLOOD WORLD (Ch. 4)

1. What did you know about the Nephilim before reading this chapter? Have your views changed? If so, how?
2. Of the two views that the author presented:
  - fallen angels = demons
  - or
  - demons are disembodied spirits of the Nephilim,which do you find more probable and why?
3. In recent years we've heard a lot more in the news about UFOs. What do you think about the possibility of UFOs? Why do you think there has been a seeming increase in their popularity?
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 5

## BABYLON REVISITED (Ch. 5)

1. A globalist agenda involves merging nations, religions, and finances into one central power base. In what ways are you seeing this “Babel effect” agenda develop in the world today?
2. Scripture prophesies that the formerly prevalent occult influences and practices of the past will return in the end times. The groundwork for that is being laid for this today in seemingly innocuous ways. After reading this chapter, did you recognize any activities you participate in or interests you have that are linked to the occult? Will you continue with these activities? Why or why not?
3. What has been keeping the globalist agenda from being fulfilled? (2 Thess. 2:6–7) From what you are seeing today, how far off do you think the time of “revealing” is? How does or should that impact how you live today?
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?



# WEEK 6

## EPIC BATTLES IN THE UNSEEN REALM (Ch. 6)

1. Although in America we rarely witness overt spiritual warfare, it does exist. Have you ever personally witnessed it? Or perhaps you know of missionaries in other parts of the world who have. Share those experiences with the group.
2. If time permits, take turns in your group reading the various passages that use the word *harpazo* as indicated on page 79. Prior to reading these passages and prior to reading this chapter, had you ever thought of the rapture in the context of spiritual warfare?
3. How does the perspective of the rapture as part of spiritual warfare change how you live today?
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 7

## MAKING SENSE OF THE AFTERLIFE (Ch. 7)

1. After reading this chapter, have your views of the afterlife changed? If so, how?
2. Although it may seem boastful to talk about rewards, that concept is included in Scripture for our growth and admonition. Paul talked about his crowns primarily to encourage others to also live a holy, set-apart life.

With that in mind, rate your likelihood to receive each of the following crown rewards;

**1 = "Um, is there a consolation prize?"** and **5 = "Can't wait to try it on!"**

(Circle your rating.)

• <b>INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN</b> Faithfully run the race of the Christian life (1 Cor. 9:25-27)	1	2	3	4	5
• <b>CROWN OF LIFE</b> Faithful in persecution (Rev. 2:10)	1	2	3	4	5
• <b>CROWN OF GLORY</b> Faithful to lead the "flock" (1 Pet. 5:2-4)	1	2	3	4	5
• <b>CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:</b> Faithfully live a righteous life (2 Tim. 4:8)	1	2	3	4	5
• <b>CROWN OF REJOICING</b> Faithfully leading others to Christ (1 Thess. 2:19-20)	1	2	3	4	5

If you care to, discuss your answers with your group.

3. How should knowing about degrees of blessing or punishment in the future affect how we live now, especially in relation to spiritual warfare?
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 8

## JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER DARKNESS (Ch. 8)

1. How is the level of demonic activity in prophetic time frames directly related to spiritual warfare?
2. Demons know Bible prophecy and they know that judgment is coming. As the church age nears an end, how are we seeing demonic activity increase?
3. Discuss with your group how Jesus' authority over darkness was especially evident in the three days between His death and resurrection.
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 9

## THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY OVER DARKNESS

(Ch. 9)

1. The author says that Christians, “by virtue of God’s power, have authority over the darkness.” How can believers effectively use that authority in spiritual battles?
2. How well do you know the enemy’s tactics? Are there any areas in your life that you know are especially subject to his attacks? What measures can you take or are you taking to protect yourself?
3. Knowing that believers are living in “enemy territory,” are there any struggles you are currently facing that you suspect may have a spiritual component? Share with the group if you care to do so.
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 10

## EPHESIANS 6 (Ch. 10.)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.

1. If you or someone you know well has been involved in the military, share with the group the similarities you see between preparing for and engaging in tactical warfare and preparing for and engaging in spiritual warfare.
2. Read Ephesians 2:10 and Psalm 139:13–16. Share with the group your thoughts on your God-given purposes specifically in the context of spiritual warfare.
3. The author says that the enemy will always attack where we are the weakest. If you are comfortable in doing so, share with the group the areas in which you have encountered specific attacks. What did you do/are you doing to stand firm?
4. It's not "if" but "when" the day of evil comes. How has the battle become more obvious in recent days?
5. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 11

## THE BELT OF TRUTH (Ch. 11)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.

1. Why does Paul tell us to put on the belt of truth first?
2. In what ways is the enemy chipping away at the foundation of truth in society today—in churches, schools, government, and so on?
3. Read John 14:6 and John 8:44. How do these verses help make sense of delusional thinking in society today?
4. Share with the group any tips or experience you have for effectively using this piece of armor or how you have struggled to use it more effectively.
5. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 12

## THE BODY ARMOR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Ch. 12)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10-18.

1. How, exactly, do we put on the armor of God's righteousness? Although we will never lose this piece of armor, what steps can we take to keep it "polished"?
2. What happens when our heart and emotions are left unguarded?
3. Western culture has grown increasingly dark, vulgar, violent, twisted and upside-down in its thinking. How can we avoid being a part of that yet still be "in the trenches," so to speak?
4. Share with the group any tips or experience you have for effectively using this piece of armor or how you have struggled to use it more effectively.
5. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 13

## SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE (Ch. 13)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.

1. Satan has placed peace-stealing minefields everywhere; he wants to keep us from moving forward in battle and even destroy us. How can believers practically and effectively maneuver this minefield?
2. How did Jesus model peace for us when He was on this earth?
3. Share with the group any tips or experience you have for effectively using this piece of armor or how you have struggled to use it more effectively.
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?



# WEEK 14

## THE SHIELD OF FAITH (Ch. 14)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.

1. Aside from this study group, what other ways are you in genuine community with other believers? Are you actively using your “shield” defensively to surround and protect fellow believers? Are you allowing other believers to surround and protect you? If not, what changes can you make to develop mutual accountability, encouragement, and protection?
2. How did Jesus model taking up the shield of faith?
3. How are you using your shield of faith offensively? Perhaps it’s to take back territory currently held by the enemy, such as an addiction, fear, anxiety, anger, or lust. Perhaps it’s in pursuing a particular calling you feel God has for you. Share with your group how they can support you in this offensive warfare.
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 15

## THE HELMET OF SALVATION (Ch. 15)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.  
Read also Romans 12:2.

1. The author says, “Helmets protect our heads—the thought center of our lives. Our minds are affected by what we allow into our gates.” What do you habitually allow into your gates, and how does that affect your thinking?
2. How did Jesus model putting on the helmet of salvation?
3. Share with the group any tips or experience you have for effectively using this piece of armor or how you have struggled to use it more effectively.
4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 16

## THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (Ch. 16)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.

1. What are some of the things critics fail to consider when claiming there are inaccuracies in the Bible?
2. How are the Word of God and the Holy Spirit integrally related?
3. How did Jesus model using the Sword of the Spirit?
4. Each of us is busy, but we always make time for the things most important to us. What priority does spending time in God's Word—actually reading it with the purpose of hearing and growing and knowing God better—have in your life? Share with the group any tips or experience you have for effectively using this piece of armor or how you have struggled to use it more effectively.
5. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 17

## PRAYER (Ch. 17)

Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 6:10–18.

1. Why is prayer the most important part of the believer's armor?
2. Read Hebrews 4:16. Discuss with your group the answers to the following questions about your own prayer life:
  - Is it more of a ritual or a heartfelt conversation with someone you honor, know, and love?
  - Do you approach the throne with confidence or doubt?
  - What are your typical motives for praying?
3. How did Jesus model how to pray?
4. Share with the group any tips or experience you have for effectively using this piece of armor or how you have struggled to use it more effectively.
5. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 18

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE END TIMES (Ch. 18)

1. The author says, “The church at large is asleep to the fact that the paranormal is about to become the new normal.” Discuss this statement with your group.
2. How will the rapture affect the fulfillment of globalism and a one-world government?
3. How is the Bible a complete record of spiritual warfare through the ages?

Based upon how the “intel” we can glean from its pages correlates to the following signs we see today, what phase of this cosmic battle do you think we’re currently in?

- Technological and genetic corruption
- Spiritual conditions
- Geopolitical alignment of nations

4. What in this chapter impacted you most?

# WEEK 19

## YOUR PERSONAL MARCHING ORDERS (Ch. 19)

1. Read Revelation 11:15. When people catch a clear vision of a specific objective, it tends to fill the motivational tank. How does this verse do that for you?
2. Although it sounds paradoxical, the key to fighting our battles—and being victorious—is surrender. We fight by surrendering—not to the enemy, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you personally surrendered to Christ and accepted Him as your Savior? If so, share your testimony with the group. If not, please consider doing so now (see the [The ABC's of salvation](#) on the next page) or speak with your group or small-group leader. They'd love to show you how you, too, can become a Christian!
3. Believers must put on the full armor of God. If you are a believer, rate your effectiveness in using the following pieces of armor; **1 = "I barely use it."** and **5 = "It's bright and shiny and always in use!"** (Circle your rating.)

• Belt of Truth	1	2	3	4	5
• Body Armor of Righteousness	1	2	3	4	5
• Shoes of the Gospel of Peace	1	2	3	4	5
• Helmet of Salvation	1	2	3	4	5
• Sword of the Spirit	1	2	3	4	5
• Shield of Faith	1	2	3	4	5
• Prayer	1	2	3	4	5

If you care to, discuss your answers with your group.

4. How will you proactively “polish” your armor in the days and years ahead? While this battle is still raging, will you advance or retreat?

# THE ABC'S OF SALVATION

It can be overwhelming and a bit scary to ponder this spiritual war that we all find ourselves in, whether we acknowledge it or not. But the safest place to be in the midst of it all is not in a place, but in a person. If you haven't already, I invite you to make an all-important first step in being eternally victorious—accepting Jesus's gift of salvation to begin a personal relationship with Him today. How? It's as simple as A, B, C.

**A** **Admit** that you are a sinner. No one is perfect. We all fall short. Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23 says, "The wages [payment] of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**B** **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and that He died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. He took on your sins so that you could have His righteousness given to you. Romans 5:8 says, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**C** **Confess** Jesus as your Lord. This doesn't mean you will never mess up again. Rather, it means you will grow spiritually and serve Him and learn His ways. Romans 10:9 says, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

## VISION STATEMENT

Mount Pleasant Church and Ministries seeks to build Christian Character through the practice of Godliness. Thereby, effectively equipping and empowering believers to live in the authority of Christ as they develop spiritual gifts necessary to prepare for ministry in the areas of teaching, evangelism, discipleship, worship, intercession and fellowship. And, therefore, fulfill that command of our Lord to reach the family, community, nation and world for Christ.






## MISSION

Our mission is to win the lost and make disciples, equipping them to do the work of ministry; to bear much fruit, advance the kingdom, so that the Great Commission, God's program for the church, is extended throughout the nations and the world with wisdom, knowledge and understanding.



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