

## **Spiritual Warfare** **Ephesians 6:17-20**

*The spiritual warfare to which Christ followers are called can only be fought on our knees. If we are to stand against the spiritual forces of darkness all around us, prayer becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ discipline.*

**Discussion 1. For you, does the spiritual warfare metaphor speak more to the QUANTITY of your prayers or to the QUALITY of your prayers? Explain why. What kinds of circumstances tend to cause you to “lose your constant connection” in prayer?**

*The Spiritual warfare to which Christ followers are called is to stand and commune with God \_\_\_\_\_ others...especially for those we would consider our enemies.*

**Discussion 2. Do you think asking God to change your enemies is what Jesus had in mind when he said to pray for those who persecute you? Why or why not? If not, how do you think we should pray instead?**

*There is no stronger way to do spiritual warfare on behalf of others than to pray for them to experience \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives.*

**Discussion 3. When praying for others, we can ask God to give them what they want or we can ask God to give them what we want for them or we can ask God to give them what He wants for them. Which do you think you pray most often? Which would you like to start praying more often?**

*Praying about physical circumstances is perfectly acceptable, even needed; but it is a sign of spiritual growth when our prayers focus more on \_\_\_\_\_ than on physical circumstances.*

**Discussion 4. Can you think of an example from your own life (or from your prayers for others), when you were moved to pray more for spiritual realities than for physical circumstances? Why might this be considered a more “advanced level” of praying?**