

Small Group Guide



Conquering Evil with Love

Key Takeaways:

1. Prayer is not passive, but preparation to stand as God's representative.
2. Biblical love is not weakness, but a powerful strategy to transform the world.
3. Love overcomes evil with good, breaking cycles of hatred and violence.
4. Patience and kindness are forms of spiritual warfare against darkness.
5. Love focuses on others rather than self, creating good in the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jeff mentions that prayer is not disengagement, but preparation. How does this perspective change your view of prayer, especially in times of cultural tension?
2. How does the biblical definition of love differ from the world's understanding? Why is this distinction important?
3. Reflect on the statement: "Love is not affirming all that people think and all that they choose to do and all that they are." How does this challenge our understanding of love?
4. The sermon emphasizes patience as a powerful tool against darkness. In what areas of your life do you struggle most with impatience? How might cultivating patience in these areas impact your witness for Christ?
5. Discuss the concept of kindness as "spiritual warfare." Can you think of a time when you've seen kindness have a transformative effect?
6. How does the sermon's interpretation of Jesus' words "It is finished" on the cross challenge or encourage you in your own struggles?
7. Pastor Jeff asks, "Are you willing to fight the Jesus way?" What might this look like in your daily life, especially in areas of conflict or disagreement?