



LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

SERIES:

This Means War

MESSAGE TITLE:

The War on the Church

MESSAGE DATE:

06/02/2024

MESSAGE SUMMARY:

Pastor Matt's sermon focuses on the spiritual warfare faced by the church, emphasizing the need for God's protection against persecution and false teachings. He urges the church to be actively engaged in the world while maintaining their identity as followers of Christ. Unity within the church is highlighted as a powerful witness to the world amid spiritual battles. The sermon concludes with a call to rely on God's strength, stay vigilant in prayer, and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit for victory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1.) How can we identify and protect ourselves against false teachers and spiritual warfare?

Pastor Matt mentioned that Jesus prayed for protection against persecution, false teachers, spiritual warfare, division, and worldly temptation.

Can you recall a time when you encountered false teachings or spiritual warfare and how you dealt with it?

2.) What does it mean to be an alien in this world, and how can we act accordingly?

Pastor Matt encouraged the church to be like aliens in this world, standing out and making a difference.

What are some practical ways you can stand out and make a difference in your daily life?

3.) How can unity within the church serve as a witness to the world?

Pastor Matt highlighted the importance of unity in the church and how it can help us stand out and be a testimony to others.

In what ways have you personally experienced unity in your local church, and how can you contribute to fostering unity among fellow believers?



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4.) Why is it important to stay alert in prayer and rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance and protection?

The sermon emphasized the importance of being alert in prayer and depending on the Holy Spirit for protection and guidance.

Share an experience where prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit helped you overcome a challenge or stay strong in your faith.

5.) How can we acknowledge and prepare for persecution in our lives as followers of Jesus?

Pastor Matt reminded the church to expect persecution and recognize their deployment.

Have you ever faced persecution for your faith, and how did you navigate through it? If not, how can you prepare for this possibility in the future?