

Dark Forces - Our Strategy

October 29-30, 2016

Community:

1. What is your favorite memory from Halloween growing up?
2. With Halloween behind us (and the holiday season barking at our door) what is your strategy for keeping sane and surviving the upcoming season?

Core:

1. **Read: Ephesians 6:12-17.** What piece of this *Full Armor of God* did you find yourself relying on the most this past week? Where did you feel the most attacked?
2. What are the biggest triggers, weaknesses or tendencies that Satan uses to trip you up?
3. **Read Luke 4:1-12.** What stands out to you most regarding how Jesus was tempted? What do you think it was about the three temptations (a. *stones to bread* b. *all the world's kingdoms* c. *throwing himself from the temple*) that were temptations to Jesus?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:14.** If Satan masquerades as an *angel of light*, what does that mean regarding how he's going to attack us?
5. **Read Ephesians 6:14-17.** Jesus fought back the enemy's temptations by using scripture or *truth*—the *Sword of the Spirit*. Have you tried doing the same thing? If so, what happened?
6. **Read 1 Peter 5:8-11.** As Scott Nickell said, a lion looks for an opportune time to attack its prey (sick, vulnerable, alone, etc.). How have you seen the enemy doing to same thing your life and the lives of those around you?
7. Jesus' strategy for combating temptation was the Bible—EVERY time! What has been your strategy...and how is that working for you? **Read Psalm 119:105** and **Proverbs 3:5-6**. What does God guarantee us through these words?

Challenge:

Scott gave some very direct and practical steps to take this week...

STEP 1: You know yourself better than anybody does, so finish this sentence, "*If I were Satan I would...*" Write down what makes you most vulnerable to sin, then be alert for the triggers that the enemy uses to make you stumble.

STEP 2: Download the *Fighter Verses* app and fill your heart and head with the Word!

STEP 3: Print out or download *Scott's Top 20 Bible verses* from the Flatirons Facebook page. Make it your screen saver or keep it at the ready—reading and reminding yourself who God is...and what He says about you!