I Am That Man – Weapons of War

Weekend Discussion Questions January 18-19, 2014

Community:

1. Have you ever been in a fight (not just verbal—punching, hitting, wrestling, hair-pulling, whatever...)? If there was just one, tell us about it? If there were a lot, which one was the most memorable?

Core:

- 1. If you had to sum up this series in one sentence to a friend who doesn't go to Flatirons, what would you say?
- 2. What do you think it means to be a "real man" as Jesus would describe one?
- 3. Scott said, "Constant pressure leads to eventual defeat." How do you think people (but men especially) are under pressure today?
- 4. We talked about how men can't just live life in fear of losing...don't do that, don't do this, etc. Instead, men need to go on the offensive and start throwing punches. What does it look like for men who follow Jesus to go on the offensive?
- 5. A metaphor Jesus used for men as leaders was <u>shepherds</u>. He talks about it extensively in John 10:1-18. Read those verses, and then answer the following questions:
 - a. Why does Jesus compare leading people with being a shepherd?
 - b. How are we supposed to hear God's voice like sheep hear the shepherd's voice?
 - c. What's the difference between a shepherd and a hired hand? How does that relate to being the man this series is talking about?
- 6. To know how to protect and fight for our families, we need weapons. Paul writes about how to go on the offensive and fight for what matters in Ephesians 6:10-18. Read that section, and then answer the following questions:
 - a. We put on armor because every day we are willingly walking into a war. How have you experienced that to be true in your life?
 - b. If Satan has a scheme—a methodology—for taking you down...how would he attack you? Share with the group if you're comfortable.
 - c. What piece of the armor sticks out to you? Why?
 - d. Which armor do you need to put on in your current circumstances? Why?

Challenge:

1. Tell the group one thing from today you will put into practice this week.

