

GROUP GUIDE QUESTIONS

WARRIOR

Equipping Men for Spiritual Victory



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SESSION 1

WELCOME

No questions for session 1.

SESSION 2

PREPARING FOR WAR

What barriers keep us from having a real, passionate friendship with Jesus? Is it stale, religious routine? Is it an inability to envision the realness of the Man Jesus Christ?

Why is it that we are so exhausted from trying to obey God's Word?

We as men don't back down from a fight in *anything*. We bust our tails to win in *everything* we do. Why then are we so willing to forfeit on the spiritual battlefield?

As we see in Daniel 6, it is a *spirit-led* man that qualifies Daniel as "excellent." What area of our lives is lacking this spirit-led excellence simply because we aren't willing to endure the pain?

SESSION 3

THE WARRIOR MENTALITY

2 Kings 17:15 tells us that seeking worthless idols makes us worthless. What worldly idols are we seeking for satisfaction that are ultimately making us worthless?

If we had access to an athlete or celebrity for a day, who would it be? How would we prepare for their company? Now consider a flesh-and-blood man who didn't excel in sports or impress pop culture, but who *defeated death!* Why do we prepare *less* for Him?

Which of these three areas – the Word, Prayer, or Worship – are lacking most in our relationship with Jesus?

Our spiritual enemy knows that without the Holy Spirit as an ally, we will wear down in the battle. Are we in the habit of asking the Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness, or are we getting worn down from our own efforts?

Taking every thought captive requires us to be in constant communication with God. When and where do we typically find that communication taking a convenient break?

Do we measure each day based on how our *choices* align with *God's Word* or how our *feelings* align with *our comfort*?

What possessions, passions, locations, or situations have we compartmentalized as being irrelevant to our relationship with Jesus?

SESSION 4

THE DAILY REGIMEN

Investment generates desire. Are we actually investing the time into developing as a Warrior for Jesus, or are we lazily waiting for the desire first?

Not reading the Bible before every day is like not putting pads and a helmet on before playing in a football game. We *will* get beat down and defeated. What is keeping us from outfitting ourselves with the Word every day before taking the field?

We sacrifice the most fulfilling version of our lives when we stop communicating with Jesus because we give the enemy permission to detour us from God's perfect path. Why then do we ever stop talking to Jesus?

Substituting secular music for worship music is a transformational step that has far-reaching effects. Is worship music a part of our everyday routine? What is a practical way to insert more of it in our daily regimen?

What deters us from being real with another man of God about our struggles? Is it embarrassment? Is it our reputation? Is it a "there's-no-point" mentality because we know we're going to mess up again?

CONFRONTING THE HEART

The absence of sin is the essence of peace and the escalation of purpose. Romans 8:13 warns us that sin kills our spirit and destroys any chance of experiencing maximum peace and purpose saying, “if [we] live according to the flesh, [we] will die; but if by the Spirit [we] put to death the misdeeds of the body, [we] will live!” What part of our flesh have we not let the Holy Spirit put to death? What area of sin is keeping us from living in God’s abundance?

SESSION 7

FRIENDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Are there any places or social settings where God's purpose takes a back seat to our pleasure? What is it about those situations that makes it tough to disconnect?

Does daily accountability from another man who loves Jesus exist in our lives? If so, what does that look like? If not, what obstacles pose the greatest interference?

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

What moments in our marriages are the toughest to demonstrate the relentless love described in Ephesians 5:25? If our wives were here in this room, what would they immediately mention as being an area of improvement for us? Is it keeping a valuable perspective? Is it leading them? Is it cherishing and romancing them? Or is it communicating clearly and gently with them?

For unmarried men, red flags and unhealthy tendencies don't begin in marriage; they begin pre-marriage. Which area do we foresee being a problem if God allows us to be married?

What areas of our fathering tend to contradict our living? Is there a habit where we are teaching our children one thing and demonstrating another?

For young men living under our parents' provision and supervision, how can we honor our moms and dads in a Biblical way? For older men, is there any baggage in our past that is keeping us from exhibiting the Biblical honor Exodus 20:12 discusses?

Where could our home leadership use some improvement? Does our conversation culture exude a consistent, passionate acknowledgment of the realness of Jesus' power and sacrifice? Are we monitoring the incoming and outgoing influences in our homes? Are we tackling responsibilities around the home with excellence and enthusiasm?

SEXUAL PURITY

Just because a tendency comes “naturally” to us does not mean God intended us to embrace it. We all have “natural” desires that are actually “sinful” desires by the Bible’s standard. Do we ever abandon a Biblical perspective of sex and marriage to justify our “natural” predispositions?

Pop culture classifies “ancient” as “outdated,” and it has a compulsive need to “evolve” its standard. Meanwhile, God’s definition of marriage and plan for sex are never-changing. How can we remain firm on the truth but loving toward those who disagree on these matters?

To protect himself from becoming victim to sexual immorality, Job *deliberately* declared that the most decisive part of his physical body would adhere to a binding agreement to remain pure. Has there ever been a point in our lives where we formally decided that our eyes would no longer “look with lust” at a woman?

Which outlets and situations provide the greatest temptation for us to think lustful thoughts?

As the old Irish proverb says, “Curiosity killed the cat.” All too often, curiosity lures us to indulge in the moment of sexual temptation killing our spiritual peace and neutralizing our spiritual potency. How can we mitigate the power that curiosity has over our sexual drive?

1 Corinthians 6:18 says, “No other sin so clearly affects the body as [sexual immorality] does” because it is “a sin against [our] own bod[ies].” How does pornography destroy us internally?

Overcoming sexual temptation demands supernatural intervention, but it also involves literal interaction. Are we being intentional to involve our Christian brothers at the moment of sexual attack? How can we be more proactive in the difficult moments and settings?

As husbands, are we being careful to save our enjoyment for our wives as Ecclesiastes 9:9 tells us to do? Are we intentional about reserving our time, thoughts, enthusiasm, and encouragement for our wives and our wives only? For unmarried men, how can we reserve our enjoyment for our wives?

Why is sex in a marriage essential to a healthy marriage? How can the absence of sex in a marriage damage the marriage itself?

Sex is a gift from God when it is enjoyed in the context of a Biblical marriage, but it is easy for us to make it more about our pleasure than our wives’ value. How can we honor our wives and God in our approach of intimacy?

SESSION 11

MONEY, POSSESSIONS, AND PASSIONS

God promises that He will provide for us when we obey Him. Has there ever been a time when we bypassed *obeying the Provider* in exchange for *attaining or maintaining the provision*?

Malachi 3:10-11 assures us that tithing unlocks supernatural blessing and protection over our finances. Is tithing a non-negotiable, second-nature priority for us? What aspect of money management poses the greatest challenge for us?

Are there any possessions that motivate us more than the Resurrection of Jesus and making Him famous? How can we leverage our possessions as items of spiritual impact instead of loving them as idols of selfish indulgence?

How are we using our God-given passions to connect with others? More importantly, how are we using those passions to connect others to Jesus?

Starvation is brutal for our flesh, but it severs the umbilical cord of addictions depleting them of their ability to survive. What cord do we need to cut and allow the Holy Spirit to overtake?

SCHOOL AND WORK

God has intentionally placed us in our schools and workplaces with assignments that He “prepared in advance for us to do.” How are we capitalizing on these assignments to advance God’s Kingdom in our career environments? Do we see our God-ordained career settings through the lens of content or complaint?

What aspect of our work ethic isn’t at a level of excellence? Is it misrepresenting the character of Jesus?

How can we practically serve someone in our current location to give them a glimpse of the love and humility of Jesus?

Has there ever been a situation where we misused our popularity, power, or position to win the approval of people instead of God? How can we avoid using influence for mere self-advancement?

Our work environment will define us in *every other* environment if we don’t learn how to disconnect from the happenings at the office. How can the *enjoyment* or *exasperation* of our professional settings damage our home life? Are we cheating on our families with our workplaces?

Accountability seems absent both behind the wheel of a vehicle and in a hotel room. How can we stay attuned to our eternal purpose in these moments when our identity feels more concealed?

What daily settings and situations typically bring our patience to its breaking point? Do we *dread* those blood-boiling moments or *embrace* them as opportunities to showcase the uncommon, unfazed patience of Jesus to others?

PHYSICAL HEALTH, INTERACTIVITY, AND INVOLVEMENT

Ecclesiastes 10:10 says, “Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade.” Is our pace allowing us to keep our blades sharpened, or is it incessantly wearing us out? What practical steps can we take to keep our physical bodies from becoming dull and ineffective?

1 Corinthians 9:27 makes it clear that exercise is a discipline, not an interest. How can “training” our *physical* bodies to “do what [they] should” also translate to *spiritual* discipline?

Are our dietary habits more focused on sustenance for God’s purpose or satisfaction of our pleasure? What is one dietary change that we can make to optimize our bodies for spiritual war?

Conquering strongholds requires relationships. And if we “neglect our meeting together,” we will inevitably be overtaken by the enemy’s attacks. Are we adamantly committed to remaining connected to other Warriors through every season of life to ensure sustained victory?

The highest level of satisfaction we are capable of experiencing on this Earth happens when our relationship with Jesus overflows to our service of others. We find out that the service itself literally *is* the reward, and that our fighting on the battlefield actually *becomes* the fulfillment. How can we take the next step of utilizing our unique, God-given talents to serve His people and activate His abundance? Have we reached that point where God's house is a place of contribution, not just consumption?

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