Sermon Questions 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

This week we began a new series called *Waging War Against Our Enemy*. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he placed all of his present and future disciples on mission so that we would be actively advancing Christ's kingdom until he returns. That means that we are not called to be spectators and consumers but courageous warriors who actively engaged in the battle of sharing and living the Gospel in a hostile world. Many are not engaged in the fight because they know that criticism will come if they engage. This week we learned how to stay engaged in the battle without remaining passive. Knowing how to fight is very important so that we can experience the power of God. Our prayer is that this week's message lays the foundation for how to engage in the battle of Christian warfare.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Engage in the Fight 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

When you engage in the fight...

Maintain meekness by modeling Christ's example (1-2)

Unleash <u>power</u> by gaining <u>proficiency</u> in spiritual warfare (3-5a)

Defend <u>truth</u> by living <u>accountably</u> (5b-6)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it HERE. After watching, please use the following questions, if you find them helpful, in your personal study or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a CADRE now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we help you take your next step.

Questions

- 1. What is meekness? How can our power be bridled? Is meekness a sign of weakness or strength? Explain.
- 2. Why does God choose to use meekness? How was Jesus meek? How did he demonstrate meekness in the Garden of Gethsemane? How did he display meekness on the cross? How did he display meekness when people ridiculed him?
- 3. What are three qualities that will help grow meekness? How do faith, hope and love together model meekness? Read Hebrews 11:1, Romans 15:13 and John 13:34-35 and discuss their present application in your life.

- 4. What does it mean to gain greater proficiency in spiritual warfare? How do we become more proficient? What spiritual disciplines do I need to practice? How important is church attendance? Why?
- 5. How do worldly strategies differ from heavenly strategies? What are the weapons of this world and why do they not help us in the spread of the Gospel? How do people use the weapons of this world to attempt to do God's work? Why do they ultimately fail?
- 6. What are some of God's inspired weapons? Why are we to wield THOSE weapons? When we fight in God's way then what does God do? Why do we want to demolish everything that opposes the knowledge of God? Why was Paul so concerned that people would experience the resurrected Christ? How was that central to His mission? Why should that be central to our mission as well?
- 7. Why do we want God to knock down obstacles to advance His cause? How does this differ from a strategy to simply make our lives better? As we are waiting on God's power to move what does God want us to be doing? How does preaching, worship, evangelism, prayer and obedience work better than politics, programs, personality, power and prominence? Why is this true?
- 8. What does it mean to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ? Why must we know the truth? How will that help us expose the lie? Once we expose the lie how do we make that submit to the Lordship of Christ? How often does this battle take place in our minds?
- 9. How is the Gospel divided into 3 parts? What is justification? Why are both repentance and belief important? What is sanctification? Why is growing in holiness so important? What is glorification? Why should we set our hope on spending eternity with Jesus Christ?
- 10. Why is defending truth so important? How do we defend truth? Why is living accountably in our personal lives so important? Who are you personally accountable to? What do they get to see and speak into in your life?
- 11. Why are CADRE's so important? How does this help fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ? How is growing in personal holiness important? How is loving accountability important? How is praying, caring and sharing with the lost so important?
- 12. What was your greatest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to apply to life right now?