



LEARNING GOALS – Chapters 16-21:*On our Quest to know God more, we analyze Jesus' words, “Remember what I told you.” We interpret David’s statement “the battle belongs to God”, and determine why we must “put on every piece of God’s armor” to resist the enemy in spiritual warfare. We analyze a Bible study approach called “3Rs + PRAYER”,to determine the “Why?”, “What?”, and “How?” of applying God's Word (*our weapons in spiritual battles*) in our lives.*



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16. Is there anything threatening your peace lately? Is there anything you can do to change it or is it something you must just surrender?

- There will always be things sent to interrupt our peace. Sometimes we can do something to fix/change it, and other times there is nothing we can do about it. We must "let go and let God". This question will help identify what is weighing on people's peace then lead them to evaluate if there is actually anything that can be done about it or not.

17. Are you inviting God into your battles? Are you letting him fight them?

- Yes, we should put on the armor of God and prepare our minds for attack, however ultimately God wins all battles. If we overcome something in our life it is not because of our own strength and righteousness but due to God's! You talk about learning how we can fight these battles and I wanted to emphasize a step further in recognizing that only God can beat evil.

18. How can you take captive your thoughts and feelings and submit them to Jesus? What safeguards can you implement to help you do so?

- You talk about submitting your thoughts to Jesus and that's so important! My generation is taught to feel our feelings and sometimes we forget that just because we think or feel something doesn't mean it's true. I wanted to highlight that because it is SO SO important especially for those my age.

19. Is your number one goal in life to become more like Christ?

- I want people to pause and actually meditate on this one. I think for some people our answer would automatically be yes because we know that it is supposed to be. Yet deep down we focus more on a career, a relationship, or if other people think we are godly vs. if we actually are. It is easy to get distracted. My hope for this question is to refocus because no matter how long you've walked with Christ or how old you are, you have never arrived.

20. Are you studying the Bible as a **LIVING** Word or a book of facts to memorize?

- Like Dwight L. Moody says, the Bible is not just for our information but for our transformation! I think many people can study and believe, yet not let it change their heart. Even the devil can quote the Bible but he cannot live in accordance with it. The world will recognize us by our fruits...

21. Are you praying with the **EXPECTATION** God will move?

- Like Lucado said, the power of prayer is in the one who hears it not the one who says it. Having the expectation for God to answer you is almost as important as praying. *However*, God's answer might not look how you thought it would. We must be careful, the expectation isn't for the answer you want but the answer God has. I believe having an open AND expectant heart is important. You aren't throwing pennies in a wishing well, you are praying to a living God!