# The Warrior's Mission Discussion Guide



#### Kingdom Warrior Ministries

Equipping Men for Worship, Work, and War

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The Lord is a warrior (Exodus 15:3) who is fully equipped and trained to do expert warfare against His enemies in heaven and on earth. Consequently, His men are expected to be warriors equipped for similar warfare (Ephesians 6:11). If you are a Christian, you know there is a raging war for the souls of men and the welfare of their families.

Kingdom Warrior's primary purpose is to equip churches in ministry to men. We accomplish this mission by providing the church with men's ministry conferences, workshops, seminars, coaching, training services and ministry tools. After each ministry event, Kingdom Warrior supplies resources, consulting, coaching, and training to help churches implement an ongoing disciple making ministry to and through men.

Making disciples incorporates visioning, harvesting, and building in men after conversion. This is not an easy task. Fortunately, Christ provided an example for the church by training His men. At the end of His earthly ministry, He commanded them to go make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The need was great then; the need is great today.

There are three sections in this series: The Warrior's Way, The Warrior's Character, and The Warrior's Mission. Properly taught they develop spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry skills.

<u>The Warrior's Way</u> provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It is designed for men to learn how to live as true believers who face life as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

<u>The Warriors Character</u> focuses on the qualities of a man's walk with God. This section provides an examination of character issues like bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness.

<u>The Warrior's Mission</u> gives an overview of how the early church grew through evangelism and witnessing. It challenges men to find their ministry calling and continue in ministry throughout their life.

Developing depth in spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry service are the foundation issues of discipleship. Mature disciples work the ministry to fulfill the

Great Commission: "To make disciples of all natiodns" (Matthew 28:19). This series is designed to equip men with the know-how required to obey Christ's command given to all disciples as well as equip them as soldiers of the cross.

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#### **The Warrior's Mission**

The Bible tells men that "Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Later Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). As a disciple of Jesus Christ you are to live your life as light to the world (Matthew 5:14-16). From the beginning of mankind there has been an epic battle between light and darkness. The Warrior's Mission covers the following twelve topics:

- 1. Know the Enemy Ezekiel 28:11-19; Is 14:12-15
- 2. Recognize the Trinity Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-20
- 3. Preach a True Gospel 1 Corinthians 15:1-28
- 4. Sow God's Word Mark 4:1-20
- 5. Fish For Men Matthew 4:12-35
- 6. Seek Lost People Luke 19:1-10; Gal 3:26-4:7
- 7. Serve Others Mark 10:32-45
- 8. Help People in Need Luke 10:25-37
- 9. Work Wholeheartedly Genesis 2-3; Col. 3:23
- 10. Develop World Vision Acts 1:1-9; 10:23-48
- 11. Live by Faith Hebrews 11:1-40
- 12. Wage Spiritual Warfare Ephesians 6:10-20

There will be numerous opportunities for you to enlighten people with the light of Christ. Jesus set the premier example. He associated with all sorts of people. Generally, these people were shunned by the religious elite. They were people held captive by the powers of the world, the flesh, and the devil (Isaiah 42:6-7). He went out of his way to cultivate relationships with them to show His light. So should you!

During His ministry on earth, Jesus spent time with His men building into them principles and practices for a lifetime of laboring. The main point of this study is to give you practical application for laboring in the harvest and achieving a kingdom mission. All of God's men are called to mission. Unfortunately, some end up as casualties while others become life saving heroes.

God bless you as you work to build His kingdom in a dark and fallen world.

#### 01 - Know the Enemy

Title of Lesson: Know the Enemy – Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 3:1-6

Objective:

- Attendee will recognize the main tactics of Satan in causing men and women to sin through the use of lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and pride of life.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: Soon after Christ begins His ministry, He encounters Satan His arch enemy. During their confrontation, Jesus faces and overcomes three distinct temptations. With His humanity and His obedience both established, Jesus provides a classic model for knowing the enemy and defeating him on the field of battle.

Part I – Matthew 4:1-11

- What did you learn about Christ and Satan in this section of Scripture?
- Why did Jesus quote Scripture in response to Satan's temptations?
- Look up 1 John 2:15-16. How does this section relate to 1 John 2:15-16?
- How does this scenario illustrate spiritual warfare?
- How will this lesson impact your knowledge and application of God's Word?

Part II – Genesis 3:1-6

- What is the situation where Eve finds herself?
- What does it mean to be like God, knowing good and evil?
- How does the temptation and disobedience relate to the temptations that Satan presented to Christ?
- Where was Adam during the conversation between Eve and the serpent?
- What can you do to guard yourself against giving in to temptation?

Review Scripture memory: Matthew 4:10

Conclusion: Satan's temptations of Eve in the Garden of Eden correspond to those of Jesus in the desert. Satan appealed to the physical appetite (Gen. 3:1-3; Matt. 4:3), the desire for personal gain (Gen. 3:4-5; Matt. 4:6), and an easy path to power (Gen. 3:5-6; Matt. 4:8-9). In each case Satan altered God's Word (Gen. 3:4; Matt. 4:6). Satan's continues to use the same temptations with men today giving them alternatives to serving God.?

#### 02 - Recognize the Trinity

Title of Lesson:

Objective:

- Attendee will recognize and acknowledge Biblical truths regarding the existence of the trinity as one God in three persons.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: The Bible teaches that the Father is God, that Jesus Christ is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God. The Bible also teaches that there is only one God. Though we can understand some facts about the relationship of the different Persons of the Trinity to one another, ultimately, how three equal one is incomprehensible to the human mind. This does not mean the Trinity is not true or that it is not based on the teachings of the Bible. The following Scriptures describe this truth.

Part I – The Being of God

– What did you learn regarding the being of God?

- How would you describe the omniscience of God?

- How does having an accurate understanding of God's omniscience relate to how a man views his trials and temptations?

- What are some practical ways you can put this set of Scriptures to work in your life?

Part II – The Works of God

- What are the works of God?

- Why should a man have a clear understanding of how God performs His works?

- How does God's works relate to being an intentional follower of Christ?
- Which of the works listed is the most significant to you? Why?

Part III – The Study Summary

- What did you learn from this study?

– Why is it important to have a clear understanding about the trinity?

- How will this study make a difference in your life?

Review Scripture memory: Ephesians 4:4-6

Conclusion: The word *Trinity* is not found in Scripture. This is a term used to attempt to describe the triune God who is three coexistent, co-eternal Persons who make up the God of the Bible. Even though the word does not exist in Scripture, the Scriptures exist to describe the three persons and their eternal relationship to one another and to all mankind.

#### 03 - Preach a True Gospel

Title of Lesson: Preach a True Gospel – 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Objective:

- Attendee examines the three elements of the gospel.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: The book of 1 Corinthians contains the most concise definition of the Gospel located in the Bible. There are three key points: Christ's death, burial and resurrection. These three are according to the Scriptures. Men of God are to affirm and proclaim the gospel.

Part I – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- What did you learn regarding the gospel?
- What does the word gospel mean?
- How does 1 Corinthians 15:4 relate to Psalm 16:10?
- How can the gospel make a difference in your life?

Part II – 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

- What does this section say about the resurrection?
- Why is the resurrection so important (vs 13)?
- How does 1 Corinthians 15:17 relate to Romans 4:25?
- How can you apply this truth to your daily life?

Part III – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

- What did you learn from verses 20 through 28?

- What is meant by the word asleep in verse 20?
- How do Adam and Christ relate to each other?
- What are you going to do as a result from this Bible study?

Review Scripture memory: 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Conclusion: Salvation is based on personal faith. Presenting the gospel is a central part of every Christ centered ministry. When men present the gospel, they need to preach the whole story and then give the person enough information so when they walk away, they know what needs to be done to receive Christ into their lives.

#### 04. Sow God's Word

Title of Lesson: Sow God's Word – Mark 4:1-20

Objective:

- Attendee plans a strategy to sow God's word and anticipate the results in people based on the four types of soils.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: In this parable, Jesus teaches His men what to expect when they sow the word of God while fishing for men. The seed of the laborer is God's word. The soils reflect the human heart.

Part I – Mark 4:1-9

– What are the four types of soils?

- Why is a parable such a great teaching tool?

- How does the setting for this teaching moment relate to Christ's other teaching opportunities?

- What modern day parables could you share in your sphere of influence?

Part II – Mark 4:10-12

– Why did Christ teach using parables?

- How does verse 12 relate to Isaiah 6:9,10?

Part III – Mark 4:13-20

- What did you learn from Christ's private lesson to His disciples?

- Why is it important for a laborer to understand this parable?

- How does this section relate to John 4:34-38?

- What strategy do you have for sowing God's word into people's lives?

Review Scripture memory: Mark 4:14

Conclusion: The reaction to the seed illustrates the four ways human hearts respond to hearing God's word. Satan fights to keep the hard heart solid. The flesh impacts the shallow heart and allows feelings to control the moment. The world chokes any substantial growth of the word to the point it dies. Only a changed life truly produces fruit that will last. It all starts with a faithful laborer sowing God's word.

#### 05 - Fish for Men

Title of Lesson: Fish For Men – Matthew 4:12-25

**Objective:** 

- Attendee will answer the call of Christ to fish for men.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: Whenever men enter the presence of God, things happen. Jesus took twelve men into His personal ministry and challenged them to a life of service and place of work. The men in this text received a call from our Lord and immediately obeyed. As a result, the world has never been the same.

Part I – Matthew 4:12-17

- What did you learn regarding Christ's early outreach?
- Why is it important to repent of your sins (vs 17)?
- How does Matthew 4:15, 16 relate to Isaiah 9:1, 2?
- What difference will a clear message make in your personal outreach to others?

Part II – Matthew 4:18-22

- What happened between these first disciples and Christ?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus (vs 19)?
- How does following Jesus relate to fishing?
- What can you do to follow Jesus and fish for men?

Part III – Matthew 4:23-25

- In what ways, did Jesus impact the people he met?
- Why is teaching an important part of ministry (vs 23)?
- How does verse 24 relate to Mark 2:1-5?
- What are some ways you can bring hurting people to Jesus?

Review Scripture memory: Matthew 4:19

Conclusion: Today, all men who follow Jesus can be full time ministers. The importance in following Jesus is being obedient to the place God has called men to labor. All men have three distinct areas in their sphere of influence. Where they live, where they work, and where they play. If men start sharing Christ with those who God has placed in their lives, they will see their world transformed.

#### 06 – Seek the Lost

Title of Lesson: Seek Lost People II – Luke 19:-1-10; Galatians 3:26-4:7

**Objective:** 

- Attendee will identify unlovely people in his sphere of influence and begin a relationship with the view of sharing God's salvation through Christ

Open with Prayer

Introduction: Christ associated with people from all walks of life to impact them with the Gospel. Through Christ, God touches people and saves men from sin and alienation from God. By His grace all those who repent and believe are adopted as sons.

Part I – Luke 19:1-10

- What are the significant points of this even in Christ's ministry?
- What is the meaning of being a sinner (vs 7)?
- How does verse 8 relate to Leviticus 6:1-5?
- What can you do to relate to others who appear less lovely?

Part II – Galatians 3:36-4:7

– What did you learn about being a son of God?

– How can every true believer be a son of Abraham?

- How does verse Galatians 3:29 relate to Genesis 12:3?

- What strategy can you take to relate to people of different cultures and or lifestyles?

Review Scripture memory: Luke 19:10

Conclusion: Jews and Gentiles both receive a full share in His inheritance. Race, gender and social status have no bearing when men enter the family of God. They all become children of God.

#### 07 - Serve Others

Title of Lesson: Serve Others – Mark 10:32-45

Objective:

- Attendee will begin to count the cost and help other men and women by serving them

Open with Prayer

Introduction: For the third time, Christ speaks to His disciples about His coming death; now He tells them He will be crucified in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, the disciples did not quite understand the nature of His comments and the format of His ministry. In their minds He was returning as Israel's ruling king and not as a resurrected Savior and Lord. Through His death he illustrates how suffering, humiliation, and humility mark the serving man of God.

Part I – Mark 10:32-34

- In this section of Scripture, what truth is Christ trying to teach His men?
- Why was it important for Christ to instruct His men on the situation in Jerusalem?
- How does this scenario relate to being a serving man of God?
- What can you do to live as a godly man in a dark and evil world?

Part II – Mark 10:35-45

- What did you learn about the men in Christ's ministry team?
- Why did James and John want to sit on Christ's right and left?
- Who has the power to assign the right and left seats in His kingdom?
- How were the disciples missing the mark?
- Why did the rest of the team get so angry with James and John?
- How can you improve the way you or your men serve others?

Review Scripture memory: Mark 10:45

Conclusion: As Christ served other people without seeking fame, power, or position, so must His men. Office and power do not make a person great, service does. Christ came not to be served but to serve, even to the point of dying on a cross. The greatest man of God will be the greatest servant of others.

#### 08 - Help People in Need

Title of Lesson: Help People In Need – Luke 10:25-37

Objective:

- Attendee will learn to help people in distress with a godly response.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: In this lesson, Christ tells a parable to confront a young expert in law who wanted to experience salvation but did not understand the full extent of demonstrating God's love to others.

Part I – Luke 10:25-29

- From this section, what did you learn about the expert in the law?
- Why is it important to love God and love your neighbor as yourself?
- How does verse 27 relate to Leviticus 29:28?
- What are ways people justify their improper behaviors?

Part II – Luke 10:29-37

- What are the three types of responses in Christ's parable?
- Why is the Samaritan the hero of the story?
- How does the Samaritan demonstrate loving your neighbor as yourself?
- What are some scenarios where you could help people in need?

Review Scripture memory: Luke 10:36, 37

Conclusion: Godly men demonstrate God's love and grace indiscriminately. Growing in the true knowledge of Christ deepens a commitment to love God and causes men love their neighbors.

### 09 – Work Wholeheartedly

Title of Lesson: Work Wholeheartedly – Genesis 2:15-3:19; Colossians 3:23-24

Objective:

- Attendee will evaluate his attitude and practices at work considering God's calling for all men to labor as though they worked for Him and not for themselves.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: From the time God created the earth and mankind, human labor was a part of His original plan for His men. It is a divine gift provided for the fulfillment of life and the sustainment of people. This provision by God is part of His responsibility to care for the world He created. Toiling to provide for your life and family is part of your responsibility as men created in the image of God.

Part I – Genesis 2:15-25

- Where did God first put the man after he was created?
- What were Adam's first assignments?
- Why did God command Adam to not eat fruit from the tree of knowledge and evil?
- How did God create Eve? Why did He create her?
- In what ways can this section of Scripture help us live as better men?

Part II – Genesis 3:1-19

- What happened to man in this story?
- Where was Adam during the discourse between the serpent and his wife?
- What is the impact on how men and women experience work?
- Given the fact work was before and after the fall, how should men view their labors?

Part III – Colossians 3:23-25

- What is Paul's view of work for all believers?
- Why is this important?
- How does a man's view of work relate to his witness of Christ?
- What are ways you can work wholeheartedly to the Lord and not for men?

Review Scripture memory: Colossians 3:23-24

Conclusion: Work itself is not punishment for sin. God gave it to Adam as a gift before the fall. After the fall, the difficult, frustrating, and relentless toil which comes from dealing with an unresponsive environment became the condition of humankind. This was not God's original intention for men.

#### **10 – Develop World Vision**

Title of Lesson: Develop World Vision – Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-11

Objective:

- Attendee will develop habits that reflect a vision to reaching the world with the good news of God's kingdom as reflected through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: The Great Commission is directed to Christ's church and to all Christians. It gives the power and authority for the church's missionary task, a missionary task that includes a command to reach all the nations of the earth. Christ promised to help His men achieve this worthy goal by giving them power through the indwelling Holy Spirit. The purpose of the power is to equip disciples to be witnesses from where they live to the farthest ends of the earth.

Part I – Matthew 28:18-20

- Simply stated what is the Great commission?

– Why is it important for a serving man of God to be involved in making disciples and disciple makers?

- How does the mission of the early church relate to the mission of the church today?
- What are some ways the local church can make men into disciple makers?

Part II – Acts 1:1-11

- What is the setting for this section of Christ's teaching?

– What is meant by the kingdom in verse six?

– How does kingdom restoration relate to witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria?

- When will Christ's kingdom be fully established? (see Matthew 24:14)
- How can God's men work together to reach the nations?

Review Scripture memory: Matthew 28:18-20

Conclusion: The serving man of God witnesses by word and example where he lives, works, and plays. This includes people from different ethnic groups, families, and sub-cultures. The power of the Holy Spirit can send ordinary men to do extraordinary things for the building of His kingdom.

# 11 – Live By Faith

Title of Lesson: Live by Faith – Hebrews 11:1-40

Objective:

- Attendee will develop an appreciation for the growing in faith recognizing that men of faith face trials, endure persecutions, and may not receive a reward until they are absent from the body and at home with the Lord.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: This section of Hebrews is known as the faith hall of fame. It contains a list of men and women of God whose faith involved absolute confidence in God's historical saving acts. History is the story of God's saving presence leading people to faith. Ministry is the story of people persevering in faith while serving God in history.

Part I – Hebrews 11:1-3

- What are some ways men grow in their convictions and faith?
- Why is an understanding of the universe important to being a serving man of God?
- How does a Christian worldview relate to daily exercising your faith?
- In what ways can you gain God's approval?
- -Does the thought of gaining God's approval cheapen His grace? Why/Why not?

Part II – Hebrews 11:4-31 (Characters in the Hall of Faith Questions 3a – 3g)

– Which biblical figure impressed you the most?

– Why do you feel this way about their example?

- How do these other heroes' actions relate to our 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian life?
- What are some practical examples of how we can act in faith in our world today?

Part III – Hebrews 11:4-31 (Questions 4, 5, & 6)

- Considering vs 13-16, what did you learn?
- Why should we consider our time on earth a journey and not a destination?
- How do vs's 32-38 relate to Luke 9:23?
- What is the major takeaway for you regarding this chapter from Hebrews?

Review Scripture memory: Hebrews 11:6

Conclusion: Faith results in actions without having physical evidence. Serving men of God trust His promises even when they appear impossible or unreasonable. In many cases men need to persevere even when no earthly reward is in sight. Ultimately, all God's men receive a reward in Christ and His atoning work.

# 12 – Wage Lifetime Warfare

Title of Lesson: Wage Lifetime Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-4

Objective:

- Attendee will adopt a prayer plan that includes routinely putting the spiritual armor listed in Eph 6 as he works with other men to wage warfare as a brotherhood.

Open with Prayer

Introduction: God has given His men spiritual armor to help wage warfare in this epic fight between good and evil. God's warriors are men who experience victory as they identify with Christ and live according to His revealed will. All those who seek to help men change from captives of darkness into warriors of light will face hardship and persecution. If a man does not don his armor, he is an easy target.

Part I – Ephesians 6:10-13; 19-20

– What stood out to you in these Scriptures?

– What are the typical schemes of the devil? (11)

- How does being fully armed and just standing firm relate to being battle ready?

– What can the average man do to better understand the ambush tactics of the enemy?

Part II – Ephesians 6:14-18

– What are the elements for a full set of spiritual armor?

– Which piece is the most critical to you? Why?

– How does the belt of truth relate to daily Christian living?

– Which piece of armor do you struggle with the most? How can you change this?

Part III – 2 Timothy 2:1-4

- What is Paul's critical message to his protégé Timothy?
- What does it mean to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus?
- How does being a seasoned soldier relate to serving in the Lord's army?
- Are you investing in someone else with your life?
- What are some practical ways we can serve the King on a daily basis?

Review Scripture memory: Ephesians 6:10-11

Conclusion: This final section tells His men how-to walk-in victory. It is unfortunate that most men do not know the provisions God has made for victory over Satan. Christ has completely overcome Satan and his hosts, and His victory is available to the Kingdom Warrior by faith.

#### Summary

In this section, you acquired knowledge and experience in Christ's standards for His men to live a light to world. You should be able to:

- Know how to combat the arch enemy of God
- Recognize the work and ministry of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- Preach a gospel that reflects the true light of Christ
- Cultivate relationships and share God's Word
- Fish for men in the world in which you live
- Seek lost people who are held captive by the world, the flesh, and the devil
- Serve others at their point of need
- Recognize situations where you need to stop and help others
- Work for the kingdom rather than to make a living
- Move into the future as a man living by faith
- Wage lifetime spiritual warfare as a kingdom warrior

God assigns His men to be on mission with Him. Whatever you do for the Lord do it with a whole heart and passion. Now go therefore and make disciples of all nations.