

Discussion Questions
Just a Word
Ephesians 6:10-17

(On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the most powerful, how powerful do you think the words you speak are?) (If you were given one sentence to speak and whatever you said would come to be, what would you say?)

- Are there any words that someone has spoken to you that were so powerful they have literally changed your life? If so, what were they?
- Have you ever tried to tell others about Jesus and the impact He has had in your life?
- What kind of experiences have you had when you tell others about Jesus?
- Do you like telling others about Jesus? Why? Why not?

In Ephesians 6 Paul tells us to “*take up [or literally receive] the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*”

- What have you been taught about the sword of the Spirit, the word of God?
- Can you think of any scriptures that talk about the word of God? If so, what do these scriptures reveal about the Word of God? What is it?

Most folks think that the “Word of God” is the Bible... When the term: “Word of God” was first used, there was no Bible to which it could refer. When Jesus referred to things that we now call the Bible, He usually used the word *graphe*. *Graphe* gets translated “scripture” and literally means “writing;” sometimes He used the word *nomos*, which gets translated “law” Well, Jesus said He “*came to fulfill the law,*” and He said, “*Scripture cannot be broken.*” So He had a very high view of the Bible, but it’s not the same thing as the Word of God. The Bible says that the Word of God is Jesus: “*In the beginning was the Word [Logos], and the Word was with God and the word was God, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth*”... And Jesus said, “*The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.*” He is the *Logos* and He speaks *rhema*. —P.H.

In the context of standing firm and battling, Paul tells us to “*receive the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.*”

- In your mind, what are swords usually used for during times of battle?
- Have you ever thought about the Word of God being used for a similar purpose?
Read Revelation 19:11-20. What do you notice about the Word of God? What is He doing and to what end—why?

“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account” (Heb. 4:12-13).

- How do you feel about the Word of God? Does He scare you? Excite you? Both? Or maybe something else?
- Can you think of a time when God told you to say something to someone and you knew it would cut them? Share about it.
- Has God ever spoken a word to you that cut you? Share about it.
- Consider the most powerful words that have been spoken to you in your life, what do they have in common?

- Take some time to thank God for the words of life that have been spoken into you.
- Then, if you desire, offer yourself to Him as a channel for His Word to speak to those around you.
- If you like, pray with a friend. Pray that you would be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, that you would stand against the devil’s schemes, and that you would stand firm in the armor of God.

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