

## RECAP

Last week we were encouraged to look for opportunities to share a story of suffering and/or victory in your life with someone else or to invite someone to share their story of suffering/victory.

**Were you able to share or listen this week? How was that experience for you?**

## IDEA 1

Rob reminded us that though everything in our rationalistic scientific mind tells us otherwise there is an unseen realm, a spiritual world of spiritual beings at play.

**Have you experienced the unseen, spiritual world? If so, what was that experience like?**

**How would you describe the unseen, spiritual world and spiritual beings to a friend?**

**What questions come to mind when you think about the spiritual, unseen world?**

**How could stepping back and looking at the whole of scripture as a unified story help us as we try to understand the spiritual, unseen world?**

## IDEA 2

In His wisdom, God has created and invited a divine council to stand in His presence and graciously allows them to participate in various judgments and decrees. In His wisdom, God also created humans in His image to be His in presence through Holy Spirit and He graciously allows us to participate in His Kingdom's advance.

**What is our role? (See Psalm 8; James 5:16; Matthew 28:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:18)**

**What does or could this look like in your life?**

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Rob encouraged us to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18). To recognize where we need to engage and be on the defensive—praying and warring for our families, our homes, and our cities because there is a rebel council at work.

**Read Ephesians 6:10-18 out loud together. Take some time to discuss what putting on each piece of armor could look like for you in your day to day lives.**

- **Belt of truth/body armor—God’s righteousness:**
- **Shoes of peace—comes from the Good News:**
- **Shield of faith—stops the fiery arrows of the devil:**
- **Helmet—our salvation in God alone:**
- **Sword of the Spirit—the word of God:**

Remember, NOTHING can separate us from the love of God. (Romans 8:38-39)

## APPLICATION

Rob started his sermon by asking if we set reminders because they can come in handy when we need to remember things we tend to forget. We need to remember that there is an unseen, spiritual world and we need to remember how important it is that we engage with it both offensively and defensively.

**Brainstorm, on your own and with your group, reminders you could set for yourself in the coming days, weeks, months, and years to have your heart tuned to the Spirit and how He wants you to engage offensively and defensively.**