

## Winning the Battle for Your Mind Home Fellowship Notes

<u>Sermon Date</u>: March 29, 2015 <u>Scripture</u>: 2 Corinthians 10:1-6 Pastor Mike Jacobson

**Icebreaker:** Briefly describe the best vacation you ever went on.

<u>Question</u>? How would you define a worldview? How does a person's worldview affect the way they live out their life? Read **Romans 12:1,2**. What is a Biblical Worldview?

<u>Question?</u> If our behavior stems from what we think (our attitudes, beliefs, values and opinions....our worldview) how do you renew your mind?

Discuss the following: The more we dwell on something; the more it becomes a pattern. Whatever we focus on (good or bad) - it becomes the "default".

<u>Question</u>: Read **Ephesians 6:10-12** and comment on the statement: We are in a battle...a war...and most people do not even realize it.

<u>Question</u>? According to **Ephesians 6:10-12** what do we learn about the battle?

Question? In the Battle of Masada, the Roman army took whatever steps necessary to break through the walls. To what lengths will the enemy (satan) go to break into our life? Will he give up if the first line of attacks fails?

<u>Question</u>? According to the survey taken by George Barna, only 27% of Americans believe in satan and only 40% of Christians believe in him...what kind of problems does this present?

## II. We are in a Battle

<u>Question</u>? If we are in a spiritual battle, what are we fighting for? What is at stake? <u>Question</u>? What does Easter teach us about satan and the spiritual battle we are in?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6 and comment on the following questions:

- 1. According to verse 3 we are flesh and blood, but our war is against what?
- 2.What affects do fleshly (physical) weapons have against spiritual stronghold?
- 3. According to the first part of verse 5, the devil has established strongholds, what are they.
- 4. Is it true that many people believe lies about themselves, others and God? Give examples.

## III. Taking every thought captive

- 1. There is only one way to destroy error and lies and that is with what?
- 2. According to 2 Corinthians 10:6, what does it mean to **take every thought captive to obey Christ?**

<u>**Thought**</u>: Error will only fall before the truth....Rebellion ends when truth prevails.

<u>Application</u>: How many times during the week do we try to fight off the lies of satan with arguments or human reasoning.

- How many times do we address spiritual issue with an explanation or an argument instead of going to prayer or quoting scripture?
- What obstacles are you dealing with today... Is God bigger?

Prayer: