SMALL GROUP

BIBLE DISCUSSION

WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

TOPIC: War of the Worlds VI
BATTLE FOR THE MIND

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 6:17; Philippians 4:8

Points to Make

- The advertising industry in North America spends billions of dollars each year trying to win a major battle – the battle for our minds.
- Massive studies have and are trying to find out what actually goes on in someone's brain when they see a particular product, image, word, or movie clip.
- What do they feel when smoking, listening to a certain type of music, or even participating in a religious activity?
- A lot of smart people are putting in big money, time and the very latest technology to make sure they win the battle for your mind.
- Are they the only ones in this fight, or are you and I ready to join in the battle for our minds?
- Ephesians 6:17 points out an item in the Christian's armour that protects the head – the helmet of salvation.
- A helmet holds the head together. It is designed to stop things from getting into your head, and to keep what is in there, in there.
- This special helmet of salvation is a hard hat that saves your life when something that could split your brain open comes flying.
- When you put on the helmet of salvation, something happens to your thinking. You know that you are safe. Nothing can penetrate the material this helmet is made of.
- That material is called "salvation". It is the unshakeable fact that you are saved, that Jesus' name is on your life, that you have been converted from being a sinner bound for hell to a sinner saved by grace.
- Salvation says "God did this and no man can un-do it".
- Reject the thoughts that are coming from outside salvation, outside your experience with God, outside His word.
- Slice them with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. The sword is designed to work perfectly with the helmet of salvation. What is in our heads must come directly from the word.

Objective: Know that the helmet of salvation gives protection from the mind-controlling efforts of the enemy – but we have to wear it always, and use the sword of the Spirit if we want to win the "battle for the mind".

- Philippians 4:8 tells me what to keep in my mind, if I want to keep my head in the helmet: things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, uplifting and virtuous; thoughts that take my mind into the presence of God, not down into the dirt.
- I will think on these things.
- I will fight the battle for my mind, and with the helmet on, I will win.
- And one day I'll trade this helmet for a crown.

Discussion Tools

- What are some of the thought "darts" that the enemy throws our way, trying to get into and destroy our minds?
- We protect our heads from the enemy's darts, with the helmet of salvation. Share scriptures that can defend our minds from the darts identified in the first part of the group discussion.
- Of the pieces of armour given thus far in Ephesians 6 (girdle-truth, breastplate-righteousness, shoes-gospel, shield-faith, helmet-salvation), which one do you think should be put on first, and why? (Or do they all somehow go on at the same time?)
- Identify a situation in the past week, or some time in your life, when you truly know that you were protected by the "whole armour of God". Did one or two piece(s) of the armour protect you more than others, or were all the pieces needed for your defence?

Prayer Time

Lord, help me to guard my mind with your word, which assures me of my salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ICE-BREAKER: Why do you think that people so strongly dislike being lied to? Has it ever been hard for you to tell the truth about something? What was the result?

NOTES

FASTING AND PRAYER MEETING
Date: March 13th
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Place: Faith Sanctuary
*All are encouraged to come – "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." (Luke 18:1)
Contact: Sis. Evelyn Berbick

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Date: March 6, 13 and 20
Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Place: Faith Sanctuary
(Registration deadline now past.)
Contact: Sis. Verona McKenzie

AMBASSADORS OF FAITH
Date: Every 2nd – 4th Friday
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Place: Faith Sanctuary
Contact: Bro. Kevin White

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
Send to: announcements@faithsanctuary.com
Deadline: Wednesday afternoon each week
Contact: Heads of Departments

FAITH SANCTUARY LIBRARY
Registration Fee: $10 per year
Library Hours:
1st & 3rd Sundays - 1:15 – 2:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays - 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
1st & 3rd Fridays - 6:40 – 7:20 p.m.
Contact: Sis. Elise McKenzie

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Date: Every 2nd – 4th Friday
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Place: Faith Sanctuary
Contact: Bro. Melvin DeMerchant

JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ TEAM

Beautiful plants now on sale
Place: Church foyer
Purpose: To aid Junior Bible quizzers
Contact: Sis. Lydia Carmichael

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER
Date: Saturday evenings
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Place: Sanctuary
Contact: Sis Evelyn Berbick.

MESSAGE OF SALVATION

❖ **Repentance** – Asking for forgiveness of sin, Acts 3:19

❖ **Remission of Sins –** Washing away of your sins by water baptism in Jesus' name, Acts 2:38

❖ **Receive –** Receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the ability to speak, Acts 2:4

This is the simple message of the Gospel or 'good news' of Jesus Christ: that He died, was buried and rose again on the third day, conquering death, hell and the grave.

SERMON NOTES

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School (all ages) – 9:45 a.m.

Small Group Meetings – Located throughout the GTA

The small group lesson is also available at
www.faithsanctuary.com/downloads.html
and announcements at
www.faithsanctuary.com/events.html

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