Victory

Conversation Starters

- Tell the group about one of your favorite victories when you were a kid. (e.g., you won a spelling bee, you won a big game in sports, your favorite team won the World Series, etc.)

- Pastor Earl showed a few pictures of his family, including one where they dressed up as the Harlem Globetrotters. What’s your favorite costume you’ve ever worn?

- Tell the group about the most awkward photo you were ever in.

Review

Ask eGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Make It Personal

- What’s your definition of victory? How has Jesus given you victory? Share one or two things with your group that He’s done for you.

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-58. Which of Pastor Earl’s two points challenged you more? Why? (POINT 1: Victory in the seen and unseen. Victory in the now and not yet. POINT 2: If the enemy can distort our view of then, he can distort the truth of now.)
  - Where are you (or not) praying for victory in the “unseen” and “not yet”?
  - How has the enemy been distorting your view of what happened then? Talk about how that can distort the truth of now.

- Share at least one way you’ve been wearing the “wrong jersey or hat” and not walking in victory.
• Talk about a time when God did good even though good things weren’t happening around you. How can you use that perspective to walk in victory in a current situation? (What can you do to take your eyes off yourself and focus on Jesus?)

• Go deeper: Read Isaiah 6:1, then Read John 12:41. In the past, kings would cut the train from a defeated king’s robe and sew it onto their own train — the length of your train spoke to the number of battles you had won. In Isaiah 6, Jesus’ train filled the temple; in the New Testament, WE are the temple. What does it mean to you to be filled with Jesus’ victory? Why do we need to remind ourselves that we are filled with Jesus’ victory?

Act On It

This week, get honest with God and fill in the blank: “I’m not sure what to do with _______. “ Each day, read Isaiah 6:1 and 1 Corinthians 15:58. Allow these verses to fill you with hope by focusing on Him, His glory, and the victory that’s on the inside of you. Bonus action step: Who are you grateful for in your group — someone who has helped you experience victory? Send them a note or message this week letting them know and thanking them!

Prayer Requests And Prayer

Ask eGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

Father, thank You for the victory You’ve already won for us. We ask that in the middle of every difficulty, our eyes would be open to see more of You. Help us to remember we aren’t fighting for victory — we’re fighting from victory. May we walk in confidence this week, even in the middle of any confusion or uncertainty, because of the reality that You are with us and You’ve never lost a battle. We’re so grateful for You, Lord. In Jesus’ name, amen.