

When The Battle Chooses You

Conversation Starters

- What's the most epic movie battle you've seen?
- If you had to listen to one song on repeat for an entire day, which song would you choose: "Can't Fight This Feeling" (REO Speedwagon), "Can't Fight The Moonlight" (LeAnn Rimes), "Good Fight" (Creed), or "Fight Song" (Rachel Platten).
- Would you rather have someone choose what you wear each day or what you eat each day?

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 a small or silly fight you recently had with a spouse or friend? What was it about? (E.g., fighting about loading the dishwasher, how to get to a venue, which movie to see, where to eat dinner, etc.)
- Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-24. King Jehoshaphat was being attacked by three different enemies and was in a fight he knew wasn't fair. Can you relate to fighting a battle that is bigger than you? Which part of this passage challenged you the most? (*LEADER TIP: When reading longer passages of scripture, use one of the following tips to keep people engaged: encourage everyone to open their Bibles or use the Bible App to follow along, display the verses on a TV screen, or use an audio version to read the passage.*)
- Sometimes we don't get to choose the battles we face. What's a battle you faced that you didn't ask for? What's a battle you're currently fighting that you didn't ask for or

was unexpected?

- How do you know when to fight a battle you're facing and when not to fight?
- What have you learned from past battles about fights that are yours versus fights that are bigger than you?
- How have you been fighting your battle? Where has your focus been?
- Look at 2 Chronicles 20:18-22 — King Jehoshaphat, in the *middle* of a battle, tells the people to not fight, but respond with worship. What feelings might the people have been experiencing? What pressure, emotions, or feelings do you experience when you face a battle with a focus on God instead of fighting?
- In the battle you're currently fighting, what distractions have kept your focus from God? What practical steps can you take to shift your focus?

Act On It

This week, encourage your group to memorize 2 Chronicles 20:12b and 15b: "We do not know what to do, but we look to you." 2 Chronicles 20:12b "This is what the Lord says: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast number, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'" 2 Chronicles 20:15b Encourage them to write these verses down and place them around their house, in their car, or at work. When we face a battle that is bigger than us, the only fight we have is the fight to focus. Challenge your group to get in the right position by seeking God and focusing on Him. OPTION: Pass out index cards/sticky notes and pens and have people write the verses down during group to take with them.

Worship and Prayer

Have a time of worship and prayer with your group. Play worship music and create an atmosphere where people can sing praises to God and pray for each other. Encourage your group to:

- Pray over each other and the battles they are facing.
- Release the battles that aren't theirs to fight and give them back to God.
- Speak God's goodness and victory over each other.
- Focus on the words of the worship songs, and thank God for his faithfulness what He has already done in their lives.