

**Hidden War in Babylon**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
April 2, 2017

**Message Overview:**

In this series, we have tried to learn from Daniel about the best way for God's people to live in a secular culture (Babylon). In chapters 7-12 of Daniel, the curtain is pulled back and we are given visions that help us see the larger spiritual reality behind Babylon. Specifically, we are allowed to get a glimpse of the war going on behind the scenes of our world. This message will seek to help us see the reality God sees and inspire us to enter into the fray of that war.

**Text:**

- Daniel 7-12 (No, we won't read all of it 😊)
- Ephesians 6:10-18
- Colossians 2:15
- Ephesians 4:7-8

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What stood out to you today?
2. Are you convinced there is a spiritual realm we can't see? What aspects of life make that difficult to believe? What aspects of your life make it easier to believe?
  - a. (Optional Line of Questions)
    - i. What words in the verses below describe a spiritual realm and its invisible parts?
    - ii. Nehemiah 9:6, Luke 2:13-15, Ephesians 6:12, Colossians 1:15-16
    - iii. According to Hebrews 11:3, what is required for us to believe?
    - iv. What questions does that raise with you?
3. This morning, the message from scripture painted a picture of the world in a state of spiritual war. Why do we even want to fight in this war? Or another way of asking, "What do we believe is at stake in this war?"
4. What are the weapons we are asked to use in this war? (Ephesians 6:10-18)
5. Read Deuteronomy 18:9-14. Why do you think many are tempted to take up occult practices?
  - a. What is the warning to us about participating in these practices?
  - b. Why do you think God finds these things detestable?
6. Invite stories from the group concerning their experiences with the spiritual realm, both good and bad.