

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, August 30, 2020



## The Secret of the Godsword

Ephesians 6:13-17

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## Get to Know You

Do you see yourself as more of a defensive player or offensive player in how you approach life?

## Study the Book

Can anyone recite Ephesian 6:13-17 from memory? If not, can you piece it together as a group?

### **Why is the Word of God compared to a sword?**

What do you remember about the process of forging a sword as described by Pastor Tom?

Is the process smooth and effortless? What are some of the difficulties that occur when forging a sword?

Read Hebrews 4:12 and Revelation 19:15

What are these verses communicating about the Word of God?

Read John 14:26

How does the Holy Spirit remind us of God's truth?

## **How do we use the Word of God effectively?**

*God's Word is a defensive weapon.*

If the Holy Spirit reminds us of the truths in Scripture as we need them, we must first know verses from Scripture.

The Holy Spirit needs to remind “your friend” of what key passage from Scripture?

How have you experienced the comfort of the Holy Spirit in your life?

*God's Word is an offensive weapon.*

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When those in sports or in the military talk about going on the offensive, they're not talking about being rude but about advancing. That's what I mean when I say God's Word is an offensive weapon. There is a proactive quality about the Sword of the Spirit. We are to use it not only as a defensive weapon to parry but also as an offensive weapon to thrust as we drive misery back from us and from those we love.

Pastor Tom

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How is the Word of God useful in proactively engaging the troubles of this life?

## **Group Application and Discussion**

What intrigued you the most, thinking of God's Word as a defensive or offensive weapon?

What are some different Bible Reading plans you have used in the past? What plans/format/schedule did you like? What worked or did not work for you?

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

Look at the Scripture Journal tips at [www.hillcrest.church](http://www.hillcrest.church). Take some time and journal a couple of times this week. Make a commitment to consistently engage God's Word.