

March 2-8, 2019
Community Group Outline
How We Fight Sermon Series “The Voices We Hear”

Warm-up: Take a minute and think through how much of your day is filled with the voices of our culture. This means TV, social media, Netflix, co-workers, friends, music, books, etc. Thinking in percentages, how does that compare to the time we spend hearing the voice of God, Bible, preaching, teaching, prayer, music, serving, life giving relationships? What is the percentage? 80/20, 90/10, 99/1? As we go through this discussion tonight about “how we fight”, keep this number in your mind. (This is safe space)

Read: Ephesians 1:11-23 (Tip: Take turns reading a verse. Go around the room 1 verse at a time.)

1. Study:

- a. What is the truth of God’s promise in Ephesians 1:11-14? How does this truth counteract the lies we believe or tell ourselves?
- b. Looking at Ephesians 1:15-18, after we grab hold of the promise of our inheritance in Jesus, what is the next step that the Apostle Paul prays for the Church (17-18)?
- c. What does Ephesians 1:19-20 say about Jesus’ power? Who is it for and how do we receive it?
- d. What does Ephesians 1:21-23 say about the power and authority of Jesus? How does this compare to the power of the people and things that are against us in life?

2. Reflect and listen: What is the Holy Spirit showing you from this passage? What stands out the most? What was the sermon takeaway?

3. Discuss: What voices are the greatest influences in your life right now? How will you embrace the power of Jesus?

Pray: Pray Ephesians 1:15-23 over each other as you close today.

Example to follow: “Dear Heavenly Father God of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for your wisdom through the Holy Spirit to fill us (name someone). May you reveal to us (name someone) through your word the knowledge of who you are. Open the eyes of our (name) heart, bring your to light to our minds that we (name) will grow in our hope the riches we have in Christ Jesus! May we (name) stand strong in the power and might of the Lord and not our own. We declare that Jesus is the name above every name and head over all things, the highest authority. We declare him over all the power, authority, dominions, and voices of the world. We commit our lives to Jesus and to following His voice alone” In the name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, AMEN

John 10:27-28 “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”