

## Large Group Handout - Between Your Ears

### What Do You Believe About Satan?

1.6.21 Middle School

1.13.21 High School

#### Lesson Overview:

When you think of Satan, what do you picture? Tonight, Christina explains that what we believe about Satan will greatly affect how we live, as both believers and unbelievers. **2 Kings 6** shows an incredible story about Elisha and his servant surrounded by their enemies, and yet God opens their eyes to see the army of angels that were surrounding them, fighting for them and protecting them. This story displays the important truth: There is a spiritual world, and we are in a battle.

If the spiritual world is real, and if we are truly in a battle, then it's important for us to understand how to fight our enemy:

1. *Unmask him* - Once we acknowledge that Satan is at work in our lives, half the battle is won.
2. *Understand his motive* - Satan's desire is to take as many people down with him as possible. This means, if you are not saved, you're exactly where he wants you to be. If you are saved, he will do everything in his power to keep you from bringing anyone else with you.
3. *Understand his tactics* - He's tries to either be hidden or look appealing; Deception (making you question God's Word or His character); Active and aggressive

#### Discussion Questions:

Now that we understand more of Satan's motives and tactics, it's important to know how to fight against him. Thankfully, if we are Christ-followers, we have everything we need to fight and win. But you have to engage in the battle. As a small group, spend some time reading through **Ephesians 6:10-18**.

1. Discuss each piece of armor and what they mean.
2. How do you practically "put on" each armor?
  - o What does that look like at your school? At home?
3. Which area of your body is completely exposed, even if you armor up? (your back)
  - o In Biblical times, when soldiers went into battle, they would often go back-to-back, so someone else would always be guarding your back.
  - o What is the significance of having others around you to help you fight?
    - What does that look like? (Getting real with each other; Sharing struggles; Asking for accountability from others, etc.)
4. What ignites all of these pieces of armor to actually do what they're supposed to do? Refer them to verse 18.
  - o Prayer is the most overlooked, and yet maybe the most important armor that we have as Christ-followers. Prayer continually acknowledges that we are not able to fight on our own, and we are constantly reliant on God to give us the strength. And the awesome news is that He will! (1 Corinthians 10:13 is a great verse to refer them to for this.)
5. What are some of the sin struggles that you deal with, that you need help fighting against?
  - o Encourage each student to share. Leaders, you might want to start by sharing something you've struggled with and the ways that you have used the armor, prayer, and others to help fight against it.

Finish your small group time today by splitting your students into pairs (you assign - try putting students together that aren't normally together). Have them take time to pray for each other, sharing something that they need help conquering. Encourage them at the end to keep that person in their prayers throughout the week, and follow up with them on how they're doing.