

Know Your Position (“Battle Plan” week #2)

MAIN POINT:

While the battle can be intimidating, the victory is guaranteed!

KEY VERSE:

“Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.” Colossians 3:1-4

BRING IT UP:

On Sunday, Pastor Nick continued in our Battle Plan series by talking about the value of knowing our position in the war for our souls. As followers of Christ, and with our association with Him, we are guaranteed victory over evil! Specifically, we learned three ways that we win with being positioned with Christ and those are: victory over the wrong mindset, temptation and insecurity. Nick encouraged us to step up to a new view of the epic battle that we’re all facing. Don’t get caught in the trivial battles down here. Step up to your position of victory!

- What was your biggest takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

If anything, the spiritual war for our soul is intimidating. In this series, we are learning about the unseen world and the influence that it has on all of our lives. When thinking of such things, do you ever think to yourself that you don’t have what it takes to take on these evil forces? There is so much that Satan can do and we almost feel powerless against his attacks.

- Describe an intimidating moment in your life.

Our study took us to Colossians 3 and, through these verses, we learned that our association with Christ gives us guaranteed victory over the forces of evil.

[Read Colossians 3:1-4]

- In what way do these verses describe the association we have with Christ?
- What role does your perspective play in these verses?

Throughout this whole series, our tag line has been, “We do not battle FOR victory, we battle FROM victory.” Vitally important when considering the unseen world is that, with Christ, we have already won!

Nick has said a couple times in the past couple weeks that Satan may win some battles, but he will never win the war.

- In what way is this war different for you knowing that it has already been won by Christ?

THINK IT THROUGH:

Nick described three specific ways that we win with our association with Christ:

Victory over the wrong mindset

- In what way does your mindset with this war greatly impact the individual battles that you face?

Victory over temptation

- How much of your time would you say involves you focusing on earthly things rather than the eternal?
- What are some safeguards that you can put into place so that you can not be deceived so easily?

Victory over insecurity

- Considering the illustration of the trapeze artist and the net below, in what way does this encourage you to take greater risks for Christ?

WORK IT OUT:

- What has been your biggest takeaway from the first two weeks of this series?

Pray for each other, as you wind your group time down, that you would consider the position you will be taking during this war for your soul. As believers, we have victory assured as long as we are associated with Christ! What are some ways that you are going to use your position in Christ to better the Kingdom?