



New International Version is used for questions

1. Read Ephesians 6:12 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Ephesians 6 tells us that we are in a war, but the war is not against other people, who is it against? In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, where is the battleground of this war that we are fighting? Read Ephesians 6:16-18. What are the offensive and defensive weapons that we must use in this battle? How do you arm yourself with these?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:3,4 and Colossians 2:8. Who are the people that we need to be aware of in this spiritual battle? What will they try to do? How can you see this battle happening today? Do you think that the political division in America today is a result of this battle?
3. Pastor Rick said that we should not try to be impressive but to be reflective—what does that mean? What is the main way that we are to be reflective? How can we be reflective on a daily basis?
4. In Daniel 9:27,11:31,12:11 and Matthew 24:15 both Daniel and Jesus refer to the “abomination that causes desolation”. What is this? When does it happen?
5. Pastor Rick said that the very next thing that will happen prophetically is the rapture. What is that? What is the difference between the rapture and the second coming of Christ? When does the second coming occur? Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 about the rapture and compare to Revelation 19:11-21 for the second coming.

Pastor Mark will be teaching an overview of the book of Revelation on Monday nights November 3rd, 10th, and 17th at Forge Christian School. Feel free to bring your entire small group for those three nights. Keep an eye on your bulletin in October to sign up for the class.

*because if you control the way someone thinks and what they believe, you control their actions also. The weapons we use in this war is our faith in God, God's Word, and prayer. We cannot win this war, only God's power can win it.*

- 2. The people we need to be aware of are those who have let Satan capture their minds through lies that they have believed, he will use them to capture our minds with false teaching if we are not careful to examine everything we hear and compare it to what God says in his word. Some examples of this in our culture are: Women have the right to kill their unborn babies through abortion, men can become women and vice-versa, two men or two women can constitute a marriage, salvation is obtained by good works, etc. The political division today is a result of the battle between God's truth and Satan's lies, it is a manifestation of the war between God and Satan.*
- 3. Being reflective is for us to become Christlike so that people see Jesus in us. The Apostle Paul expresses this idea in Galatians 2:20 and Philippians 1:21—For me to live is Christ. The main way we can reflect Jesus is to tell people what Jesus did for them, share the gospel with them and the way we do it daily is to apply the truths of God's word in our lives.*
- 4. The abomination of desolation is when the Antichrist enters the Jewish temple in Jerusalem, goes into the Holy of Holies, sits there and proclaims that he is God and everyone must worship him as such. It is at this time that everyone must receive the mark of the Antichrist, some form of the numbers 666 in their forehead or hand. It occurs in the exact middle of the tribulation, 3 1/2 years after it has started.*
- 5. The rapture occurs at the end of Daniel's 69th week when God removes the church from the earth, then the tribulation begins. The Second Coming of Christ happens at the end of the tribulation when Christ comes and fights the Antichrist at the Battle of Armageddon. Some of the contrasts are: a. At the rapture Christ comes for the church, at the 2nd coming the church comes with Christ; b. At the rapture Christ comes in the clouds, at the 2nd coming Christ comes to earth; c. At the rapture Christ is only seen by the church, at the 2nd coming Christ is seen by the entire world; d. No signs precede the rapture; many signs precede the 2nd coming; rapture is imminent, could happen at any time; the 2nd coming cannot occur until 7 years after the tribulation begins.*