



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of March 3, 2025

1. How many years have you been a Christian? Since your first day as a Christian until now, how many Bibles do you think you have owned? How many Bibles are in your personal possession or on your shelves currently? How many times have you read through the whole Bible... or the New Testament?
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Out of all the resources provided for the Christian, which one is the only one meant for "offense" against the enemy?
3. *What do these important verses tell us about the power, authority, or effectiveness of the Bible? Explain your answer in your own words:*
 - a. Hebrews 4:12 _____
 - b. Proverbs 3:5-6 _____
 - c. Psalm 119:9, 105 _____
 - d. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 _____
 - e. Psalm 1:1-3 _____
4. *Have someone in your group read Matthew 4:1-11. How many times did Satan attempt to defeat Jesus in the wilderness, and what were the temptations? How did Jesus defeat Satan's attacks? What important principle of spiritual warfare can you learn from this famous encounter?*
5. *In sword-fighting, combatants will lunge forward with an attack— or step back and block their opponent. How do the "wise warnings" of Scripture help you block the enemy and prevent harm? Can you name at least FIVE of the Bible's wise warnings? Compile your list as a group.*
6. *Skim through this paragraph again (verses 10-17). How many times does the word "stand" appear? What does it mean to stand? What Scriptures or biblical doctrines could help you stand firm against these popular falsehoods in today's secular culture?*
 - Homosexual marriage
 - 'The Big Bang' and Evolution
 - Sex is open to any consenting adults
 - Transgender movement
 - Pornography is just harmless, human expression
 - The natural world is all there is
7. What active steps can you take in 2025 to become more successful, confident, and effective with the sword of Scripture? Give some specific ideas and real-world suggestions.

The sword of Scripture isn't for display or decoration, but for doing battle.