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BIG IDEA | Right weapon. Real victory.

Ephesians 6:10-17 (NLT)

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Bible is a collection of 66 books, written across three continents, in three languages, by over 40 authors, over 1500 years, telling one cohesive, redemptive story.

The Bible is a ...

- Battle-tested weapon.

Document: Gallic Wars	Gap: 1,000	Copies: 10
Document: Plato	Gap: 1,300	Copies: 7
Document: Homer's Iliad	Gap: 400	Copies: 643
Document: New Testament	Gap: 30	Copies: 28,000+

The Bible is a ...

- Battle-tested weapon.
- Offensive weapon.
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Colossians 3:2 (NLT)

² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

The Bible is a ...

- Battle-tested weapon.
- Offensive weapon.
- Defensive weapon.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible is a ...

- Battle-tested weapon.
- Offensive weapon.
- Defensive weapon.
- Transformative weapon.

John 1:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us.

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on him

the sins of us all.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?
2. What does it mean for the Bible to be our "weapon" in spiritual battle? Reflect on Ephesians 6:17. How have you experienced this in your life?
3. Why is the historical reliability of the Bible important for our faith and spiritual battles? Consider the comparison of manuscript evidence (e.g., New Testament vs. Plato, Homer, etc). How does this strengthen your confidence in Scripture?
4. Colossians 3:2 calls us to "think about the things of heaven." How does Scripture help you fight worldly distractions and temptations?
5. How does Scripture serve as a *defensive weapon* when we face lies, doubts, or spiritual attacks? Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How do you personally use Scripture to stand firm in your faith?

6. John 1:14 says the Word became human. How does Jesus embody the power and purpose of Scripture? How does seeing the Bible as both Divine Word and living example in Christ change how you read it?

7. Share a time when God's Word helped you through a difficult or spiritually challenging situation.

8. How can we become more skilled in using the Bible as a spiritual weapon — both offensively and defensively? What practical habits can help us better understand, remember, and apply Scripture in everyday life?