

The Gospel Project for Adults, Spring 2018
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Session 10

Introduction: *Show that meekness and might are not exclusive.*

After discussing David and Goliath in the Introduction, say something like this: “We have likely all heard that we’re called to be courageous, but we doubt that we have any weapons. We’ll look at those today. But before we do, let’s consider a few animals that may seem unprotected but are actually quite ready for battle.”

Show the photos and read some of your favorite lines from the following article “10 Surprisingly Dangerous Animals”:

<http://www.neatorama.com/pet/2016/06/20/10-Surprisingly-Dangerous-Animals/>

Ask, “When have you known a believer who seemed meek but was a mighty warrior for God?”

Point 1: *Play a video describing how Satan tempts us constantly.*

Read or summarize the first paragraph from Point 1 in the Leader Guide (page 131). As an illustration of Satan’s ability to tempt us, show the following clip of Francis Chan explaining the nature of enticement and temptation (3 minutes, 23 seconds):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiM7RGD1fH4>

Point 2: *Take seriously the need to develop a battle plan.*

After discussing the different parts of battle gear described in Ephesians 6:13-17, ask, “What are some practical ways we can put on the armor of God?”

As needed, refer to the article “30 Practical Strategies to Put On the Full Armor of God” to supplement the list you created as a group:

<https://www.kevinhalloran.net/strategies-to-put-on-the-full-armor-of-god/>

Conclusion: *Exhort group members not to take preparation for granted.*

Read the short article “‘Pearl Harbor in Retrospect’: Why the U.S. Was So Unprepared”: <https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2011/12/pearl-harbor-in-retrospect-why-the-us-was-so-unprepared/249597/>

After reading the article aloud to your group, ask the following: “According to this quote from the chief of Army intelligence, what are some similarities between the army at Pearl Harbor and followers of Jesus today? Do we believe an attack is imminent? How can we be ready for an attack?”

Teaching Tip of the Week

Encourage learners to consider how they “put on” each of these weapons daily from Ephesians 6:13-17 and challenge them to consider these verses as they get dressed for the day. As they put on clothing, shoes, brush their hair, etc., consider different ways they can be reminded to prepare themselves for attacks on their faith.