

# Lifegroup Lesson - The Battle is God's

## Looking Back (15 mins)

### Family Time

1. Vision:
  - Vision Statement: Invite someone in your lifegroup to share what your Lifegroup's vision means to them.
  - Connection Question: Which friend or family member in your life needs to know the love of Jesus? How can we pray for them?
2. Check-Ins:
  - Announcements (see bottom of this doc)
  - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

## Looking Up

### Worship (~10-15 mins)

- [Do It Again](#) (Elevation Worship)
- [I Raise a Hallelujah](#) (Radio Version)

### Bible Study - "For the battle is not yours, but God's" (35 min)

As we continue the story from last week, we see that EVERYONE (men, women, and kids) gather before the Lord to hear what God might say to them, since the outcome would affect them all. The word of the Lord came, not from the man in leadership (Jehoshaphat), but from Jehaziel, from the family of Levites. God's plan involved them taking up position to face their threat, but watching God fight the battle for them. While God had a plan, he still required something from the Israelites.

#### [2 Chronicles 20:13-27](#) (NIV)

**13** All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord. **14** Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

**15** He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. **16** Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. **17** You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'"

**18** Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. **19** Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

**20** Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." **21** After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

**22** As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. **23** The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

**24** When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. **25** So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. **26** On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.

**27** Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies.

Have everyone read the passage silently for a few minutes. Then, take 5 minutes to have a couple of people retell the story to the group in their words. Then, break into groups of 3-4 to discuss.

- What part(s) of the story stand out to you?

- When you need to hear from God about a challenging situation, how do you tend to listen? (seek God yourself, ask others to pray for you, etc.)
- What is your experience listening to God with others? How do you discern/ trust what others hear?
- Are there battles that you are fighting, that God wants to fight on your behalf? What would it look like for you to trust him?

## Looking Forward (25 mins)

Pastor John shared on Sunday about STOP, LISTEN, GO.

- **STOP:** In smaller groups of 3-4 share a prayer need and take time to pray for one another. Give thanks to God for the splendor of his holiness and his faithfulness.
- **LISTEN:** Be bold in asking God to speak into your situation, and listen together for how God might want to speak to each of you.
- **GO:** God still asked the people of Judah to go somewhere, even though He promised they would not have to fight the battle. In the challenges you are facing, how is God asking you to 'Go'?
- Take time to ask God to raise up faithful, honorable prophetic voices who will help our church hear God's words for us. Ask God to bring healing to those who have felt wounded by prophetic ministry in the church.

## Announcements (3 mins)

Sign up for all our events at [epicentre.org/events/](https://epicentre.org/events/)!

### [Vision & Values](#)

Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 am - 12:30 pm

Do you feel called to be part of this church family and living “in dependence” in our community? If so, we invite you to come to Vision & Values, a Saturday morning interactive experience as we share stories of who we are, how we live out our values, and find out ways you can get further connected.

### [Acts of Mercy Training](#)

Dates: Begins Jan. 21 and Feb. 24th, 7-9 pm

We want to be a church that’s proactive and ready to respond to disasters and crises, and believe these are opportunities to show Jesus’s love. We invite everyone, whether you’re in the medical field or you just want to learn, to take this training (which makes you eligible to join us in future Acts of Mercy trips!). You can take this online course at your own pace (6 one-hour videos) with a live discussion with other participants on Feb. 24.

**Kinterest Groups** - Find all groups at [epicentre.org/kinterest](https://epicentre.org/kinterest)

[Crafting](#): Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 am - 12 noon. A time for fellowship & crafting - bring your own crafts or let us know and we can learn something together.

[Hiking](#): Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 - 11 am. Join us for an Altadena hike to connect with each other and enjoy the outdoors!

[Basketball](#): Every Saturday night from 9:30-11:30 pm, Epicentre folks gather from all over the SGV to play some ball! (co-ed teams). Contact Michael Cham ([michaelcham@gmail.com](mailto:michaelcham@gmail.com)) for details!

[Hope Kids](#) - only announce if relevant to LG

Dates: Jan. 20, 6-7:30pm

Parents, you and your kiddos are invited to join us for HOPE (House of Prayer Epicentre) Kids! This is a special space for kids to have fun, hear God's voice, and worship with one another. There will be dinner, games and more!