

Aug 27 – “YHWH Nissi” – Small Group Questions

Read Exodus 17:8-16

1. Moses names the war memorial against Amalek "YHWH Nissi" meaning YHWH is my banner. Banner in this sense is a military signal. What would it mean to you if you were to consider God as a military signal?
2. God placed a holy ban on Amalek meaning that they were marked as a people devoted to utter destruction because of their unprovoked aggression against Israel. How do we as Christians reckon with the military history of Israel in connection to the Christian understanding of spiritual warfare?

Read Matthew 12:22-29

1. Jesus said that it is by God's Spirit that He exorcises the spirit of darkness from the world, meaning that God's kingdom has indeed come to besiege the gates of hell. What does it look like today for the Church to "lay siege" against the kingdom of darkness?
2. Christians are mobilized to besiege hell under the banner of the cross. What does it mean for God's people to rally under the banner of the cross, and what does it look like in day-to-day living?