



STUDY GUIDE – February 23, 2020

Message Title: Star Wars

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

The span of production of the Star Wars movies is 42 years, from 1977 to 2019. Do you have any memories surrounding these movies?

Pray:

Pray for our time together, that we can go deeper in our understanding of who You are in relation to the very real battle we face. Pray that the Holy Spirit helps us clearly know that He is not far away from any one of us, and know that in Him we live and move and have our being.

Get Started: *(cue theme music and have someone read in an epic tone)*

Episode III THE CHURCH AWAKENS

It is a time of expansion for the Cause. Some areas of the church are even experiencing growth. New territories are joining the mission. But there is still danger everywhere. While there is a new hope for many, there is also an enemy, waiting to strike back. Some easily forget the menace of these attacks, hiding like a phantom in the shadow of the dark side, which seeks revenge. And yet, a small band of followers are awakened, forcing an epic battle to the last breath!

The early church exploded and expanded passionately, much like what we are experiencing now.

- How are we advancing “the cause” here at PCC?

Watch and Discuss video:

Read John 1:1-5

The Force was somewhat nebulous and ambiguous, and in the Old Testament people sensed the same. How do these verses help you understand God more clearly in relation to Jesus?

Ephesians 5:8-16

Through authentic relationships with Jesus and others, we expose our own darkness. By allowing ourselves to admit the struggle is real, we allow truth to illuminate our lives.

- Which part of these verses speaks mostly to you?

“Luminous beings are we, not this crude matter.” Yoda

This passage ends with an admonition to live “not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

- How can this verse impact the way you live your life?

Reflect: *“To be Jedi is to face the truth, and choose. Give off light, or darkness, Padawan. Be a candle or the night.” Yoda*

The role of mentors passing on wisdom in the Star Wars saga is woven throughout each episode. Without them, there would not have been much of a storyline.

Consider your own life in light of this.

- Do you tend to seek wisdom through counsel/mentors? Share briefly.

Read Proverbs 11:14 and 2 Timothy 2:2

Commit:

Read John 14:26

When you hear, “May the Force be with you,” it was a phrase used to wish good luck or good will. In our case, we don’t have to wonder what the outcome will be. He is indeed with us. We have the ultimate force, the Holy Spirit, within us and guiding us.

Pray:

Pray that we continue to seek to know God and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Pray that any darkness in our lives would be illuminated so that we are able to more authentically and passionately fight the battle, knowing Whose we are.

“Mind what you have learned. Save you it can.” Yoda