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Elim City Church  
Small Groups

## Sermon Discussion Questions

*"The Wall"*

*Sunday March 15, 2020*



We can observe in history that revival seems to impact just before or just after a crisis in the world. The Spirit of God has faithfully intervened with grace that over abounds the brokenness in the world. We are presently in a crisis. Let us believe that we can partner with the Spirit of God to have a positive effect on the outcome.

Isaiah 60:18

"Violence will not be heard again in your land,  
Nor devastation or destruction within your borders;  
But you will call your walls salvation (literally Yeshua=Jesus), and your gates praise.

1. Read Hebrews 12:22 Jesus Christ and his church as a body is called the "City of God" and the New Jerusalem.
  - a. Jesus is the wall of our city. What purpose does a wall serve for a city?
  - b. The wall surrounds the city. When we are "in Christ" we are in the walled city. How have you experienced the security of being in Christ?
2. Read John 14:27. Jesus distinguishes the peace that He gives when we are behind the wall "in Christ", and the peace that is the absence of conflict.
  - a. Share an experience when you experienced peace in spite of contradicting circumstances. How did you arrive at that place of peace?
  - b. Does peace come from denying or belittling the reality of the conditions? How should we react to the reality of the circumstance?
3. Our battle is not with flesh and blood but against principalities and powers. These operate in three domains. The world, the battle around us; the flesh, the battle within us; and the devil, battle over us.
  - a. **The battle around us:** Has there been an occasion that you stepped out in obedience to a conviction even when you felt reluctant because of fear? What was the outcome of that experience?

- b. **The battle within:** Temptation is not sin. Even Jesus was tempted, yet without sin. In Luke 4 Jesus was “full of the Holy Spirit” and then led by the Spirit into the wilderness for the purpose of being personally tempted by the devil. Can you think of an occasion when a personal attack, temptation or discouragement occurred just before or just after a supernatural encounter with the Lord?
  - c. **The battle over us:** On a larger scale, revival often precedes or follows a social upheaval as if the Lord is strengthening His Church for the tribulation or ripening the harvest because of it. Read 2 Timothy 3:1 How should that effect our handling difficult times?
4. Pray from a platform of Peace. Read Philippians 4:5-6. Think about how to apply the 5 steps to overcoming in persecution and tribulation:
- a. **Be anxious for nothing.** You control who rules your emotions. Choose the Prince of Peace.
  - b. **By prayer:** Orient your attention toward God. Don't let circumstances dominate your thinking.
  - c. **Supplication:** The defence attorney's plea in court. We have an advocate; He presents His petition knowing that He has a winning argument. What do you think his tone is when He approaches the Judge's throne? Approach with the same boldness and confidence.
  - d. **With thanksgiving:** Remind yourself of God's goodness. Past examples of answers to prayer are like precedents in court. “You've done it before, I believe you will do it again!”
  - e. **Make your requests known.** What do you want? Define the specific outcome you are petitioning for. That has an influence on the Judge's verdict.