

## **CHOOSING SIDES**

Josh Hawley, Pastor of Spiritual Growth June 29, 2014

| Luke 11:14-36  | June 29, 20° |
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| Each one of us is fighting a <u>private</u> , <u>spiritual</u> battle. |              |
| Nobody wants us to <u>experience victory</u> in our battles<br>Jesus.  | s more than  |
| Jesus <u>clearly</u> and without <u>apologies</u> calls us to choos    | e Him.       |

We have to choose daily to fill our "house" with the <u>presence</u> of Jesus.

- Christ-centered thinking, habits & relationships.
- Choosing to act on what God has already spoken to us about.

- o I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- o I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.
- I'll use Ephesians 6:10 18 as a guide to pray daily for myself and at least one other person.
- o I'll pray daily this week for The Bridge to have God's guidance, unity, protection and power.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

- 1. **READ Luke 11:14-22.** How did Jesus help the man in this story? What are the different reactions the people have to this? How does Jesus respond to the people?
- 2. **READ Ephesians 6:10-13.** Jesus speaks of Satan's "undivided kingdom" and Ephesians gives us further insight into this kingdom. What are some of these insights?
- 3. What are some of the "battles" you are facing right now?
- 4. A key thought from Pastor Josh's message was that "Nobody wants us to experience victory in our battles more than Jesus."
  What are some ways Jesus has helped you overcome challenges in the past?

- 5. In light of your past experiences, and understanding that the Kingdom of God is all-powerful, how might Jesus want to help you in your present challenges and struggles?
- 6. Another key thought from the message was "We have to choose daily to fill our 'house' with the presence of Jesus."

  What are some of the biggest challenges you have in choosing to depend on Jesus every day?
- 7. What are some ways we can invite Christ into our thinking, habits and/or relationships?

Is there anything that you sense God has recently spoken to you about from His Word that you need to act on?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the "Messages" link.