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for Personal Study and Small Groups 7/1/12

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How does this passage fit into *The Story* (redemptive history)? What significance does this have for us?

In what specific ways do you see God's provision for His people in this passage? How is this an expression of God's graciousness? In what ways is this a difficult connection, for you, from Deut. 20? How would you communicate this to a non-believer?

How does this passage apply to us (the Church, not Israel) today? What are your take aways? What are you to do? How are you called to live (be specific)?

Read Eph. 6:10-20. Israel's physical war seems to be corollary to our spiritual war. Where do you see this connection?

How are you doing at spiritual warfare? What specific sin are you currently "battling"? What does your Battle Plan look like (be specific)? Do you really have a Battle Plan that you are actually implementing or is more like a Peacetime Agreement? What does this communicate to you?

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