

Sword of the Spirit

9/2/12

Ephesians 6:17

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) What is the role of God's Spirit with the sword of the Spirit? How does God's Spirit make his word more effective and add an "edge" to the "sword of the Spirit" (see also Hebrews 4:12)?
- 2) What is the "word" of God to which this particular verse refers (see also John 1:1-3; Hebrews 4:12; 2nd Timothy 3:16)? What is the significance of this – why might speaking God's word out loud be more helpful in certain situations?
- 3) What are three different circumstances Pastor Jim gave in which we can speak the word (Revelation 1:16, 2:12-16)? Are any of the examples particularly relevant to any of your life situations?
- 4) What are ways in which we can grow in our ability to use the "sword of the Spirit"? Which seem to be most difficult for you?
- 5) How can our knowledge of scripture help against false teachings (Revelation 2:12-17; 1st Timothy 4:1-2)?
- 6) How is the sword of the Spirit unique to all the other pieces of armour already listed (see also Matthew 4:1-11; Isaiah 55:10-11)? Does this make it any more important? How does this affect the way we treat the word of God (1st Peter 3:15)?
- 7) How is this sermon going to change the way you live this week? What changes might you need to make?