

1. Sample Roof Crasher Lesson: Pursuing Wisdom and Knowledge

This week we are going to continue in our pursuit of wisdom and knowledge in Proverbs.

Ask someone to read Proverbs, chapter 2, verses 6–11.

State: There are some pretty interesting words used to describe what the Lord does; He is a shield, He guards, and He protects.

Let's talk about these words—shield, guard, and protect. What do they mean to you? Let the group respond. The following are some examples you might share:

- Desert Shield
- *Troy*—Brad Pitt as Achilles
- Secret Service guards
- *Gladiator*—Maximus Decimus Meridius

Ask: Are these passive, halfhearted activities orf people? No, they are action oriented and often akin to a battle or a mission.

Does the Bible make any other references to battles? Let the group respond. Some examples you might share are as follows:

- Battle of Megiddo or Armageddon (Revelation 16)
- Gideon's three hundred men (Judges 7)
- King David battling repeatedly

Are you guys in a battle—with your parents, siblings, friends, teachers, or bullies?

Turn to Ephesians 6:10–18, and let's learn of a battle that we are currently in. Ask someone to read the passage.

Specifically, verse 12 talks about our struggle, or our battle, and then goes on to talk about how we should prepare ourselves for this battle, this conflict, and this real and present danger.

And the armament (belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, etc.) is listed so that you can stand firm in this battle! Talk through with the group.

Go back and read Proverbs 2:6–11. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding—these prepare us for the battle we are in as men on this side of heaven, a battle we are to be readied for so that we can stand firm as the men of God we are expected to be! Certainly not passive and halfhearted.

Pray to that end.