



## Avengers - Part 5

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, May 2, 2018

**Intro Video** = "Captain America: Civil War (2016) - Blu-ray menu"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acpUzNtL0JA>

So, here we are, 5 messages into this fictional (but somewhat Biblically-based) group of superheroes known as the Avengers. We have met Iron Man, Captain America, Scarlet Witch, Quicksilver (died in the Age of Ultron Movie), Black Widow, Black Panther, Hawkeye, Vision, Falcon, Thor, the Hulk, War Machine, and the Winter Soldier up to this point. Let's pick up where we left off with these guys saving the world time and time again, but the world is somewhat battle-torn after each battle. Finally the government steps in...

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### I. We All Need Accountability

#### a. Who Do You Give An Account To?

- i. Sometimes you and I forget this is not really our own lives we are living. We want to live our life the way we want to, which can often hurt others and ourselves.
- ii. God is the Giver of life and is in control of it all!

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** = "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."

- iii. So, where's your accountability for your actions? For your thoughts?
  - iv. Do you have people in your life who ask you the hard questions? Keep you straight?
  - v. Do you truly follow Jesus as your "Lord" (meaning boss, Master, authority)?
    1. "I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." (Jude 1:4, NLT)
  - vi. Have you let sin "worm" its way into your life because you have not truly made Him "Master"?
- b. Who Are You Keeping Accountable?**
- i. Iron Man recruits a new, young Avenger known as Spiderman. He's Tony Stark's protégé but he makes mistakes and Iron Man has to step in. Watch...

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- ii. Iron Man has to keep Spiderman in check (accountable) for managing his new powers and technology as well. Spiderman learns his lesson and becomes better because of it.
- iii. Peter Parker wants to be like Mr. Stark, but Tony wants him to be better!
- iv. Who do you want to be like? (Students share)

**Galatians 6:4-5** = "Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct."

- v. Sometimes you have to remain accountable to yourself more than anyone else... you do you (the way God would want you to do you)!
- c. What Happens When You're Not Accountable?**
- i. But, there are times when we refuse to remain accountable to others and to God... what happens?
  - ii. War and destruction! Which is exactly where we found the Avengers in their last movie together... fighting each other instead of the evil around them:

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- iii. Obviously they disagreed on the Sokovia Accords and had to duke it out. Kind of like church sometimes...

**Mark 3:24-26** = "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive."

- i. We cannot let our own CIVIL WAR cripple us. There are much more important battles to fight outside of our "family" (youth group, church, homes, etc).
- ii. Let's stay accountable and fight on together!

## II. We All Need Each Other

### a. Teamwork Is The Only Way

- i. There's another team fighting on the other side of the galaxy much like the Avengers (known as the Guardians of the Galaxy). They have their own battles to fight and their own sacrifices to make.
- ii. In their most recent movie (Volume 2 from last year), Peter Quill (Star-Lord) faces his father (Ego) in a final battle to save the Guardians: Drax, Gamora, Nebula, Rocket, Baby Groot, and others:

**Video** = "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 | 2017 | The Final Battle"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmAC7yfOIZI> (start at 7:13, end at 9:39)

- iii. He not only saves his friends, but he loses his ability to be like Ego, like a god.

**Romans 3:30** = "There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles."

- iv. Interesting that his dad's name is "Ego" (meaning pride, arrogance). It is our pride and arrogance that makes us think we are "gods". Wrong!

### b. Whose Team Are You On?

- i. In Civil War the individual Avengers had to choose a side... as far as I am concerned, there is only one side that makes sense... God's!
  1. After all, He is the author of life, of time, and of space.
- ii. Speaking of time and space, there is one more character you need to meet, who will play an important role in this new Avengers movie: Dr. Steven Strange (an expert neurosurgeon who has a car crash and loses the ability to use his hands, loses his direction, and seeks help from the mystic arts, only to find he is really good at sorcery).
  1. This is his final battle with a giant demon (Dormammu) who wants to overtake the earth... a lot of people want to do that!



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- iii. With the power of the time stone (one of the 6 infinity stones) Dr. Strange is able to manipulate time to defeat this enemy.
- iv. Wouldn't that be cool? I would love to rewind or freeze time... like with a remote (hold up tv remote)
- v. Only one can actually do that... The God in control of time and space itself!

**2 Samuel 7:22** = "How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!"

- vi. He is "Sovereign"! What's that mean? (Students share)
- vii. Supreme, dominant, ultimately in control! If anyone can ever protect us, it is God, the Sovereign One (whether we realize it or not).

## III. We All Have A Battle To Fight

### a. Regardless Of Our Differences...

- i. The last Avengers movie left this team severed, but they have to come together to face this next challenge (an enemy bigger than they have ever faced before). The Infinity War is coming...

**Video** = "Marvel Studios' Avengers Infinity War"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwievZ1Tx-8&t=4s> (2:18)

### b. ...It Is Time To Get In This War!

- i. Thanos is coming and war is imminent!
- ii. Speaking of war, let me remind us of this...

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** = "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." (ESV)

It is clear that "our warfare" as Christians is spiritual. We are not fighting a physical battle or a human battle. It is on a spiritual level—its enemies, its prerogatives, its fortresses, and its weapons are all spiritual. If we attempt to fight the spiritual with human weapons, we will fail and the enemy will be victorious. (Gotquestions.org)



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