

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Spiritual Warfare: Engage in the Battle

Passage: Ephesians 6:10–18

Introduction: Perry reminded us that as servants of Jesus Christ we have an enemy. That enemy is Satan, the accuser and liar, who comes to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus has won the victory over him, but Satan still wars against the people of God. To withstand Satan's attacks, Perry pointed us to the armor of God in Ephesians 6:18 and called us to engage in the battle.

Additional passages: Matthew 24:42, 26:41; Rom 8:18–25; 1 Cor 16:13; Heb 10:19–23; 1 Pet 5:8.

Questions:

1. Perry first exhorted us to be **WATCHFUL** for the attack of the devil (Eph 6:18) and covered four of the devil's schemes: 1) temptation to sin, 2) deception, 3) accusation, 4) division.
 - a. Regarding deception, what are lies Satan has used to lead you to stray away from trusting and obeying God?
 - b. The devil is known in the Bible as the Accuser. What are ways you can tell the difference between the Spirit's conviction and the devil's condemnation?
2. When it comes to division, Ephesians 6:11–12 remind us that the devil/demons are our enemy, not other people. What happens in a relationship when you approach someone else with suspicion? How about when you view them with a competitive or adversarial mindset? Or when you go into "prove I'm right" mode?
3. What basis for pursuing unity does Philippians 2:1 give? What action does Philippians 2:4 call us to?
4. Perry's second point was be **FAITHFUL**. He noted the repeated call to action Paul gives in Eph 6:13–17. Read those verses and identify the different pieces of armor. What stood out from Perry's sermon/your study about the armor that you need to lean into?
5. Whose armor do we put on (6:11)? Who is the subject of the verses about the armor—who is to actively use them? Talk about what God-dependent striving looks like (versus "let go and let God" or self-reliant effort).
6. The last two exhortations Perry gave were be **PRAYERFUL** and be **HOPEFUL** (6:18–19). What reasons do the following passages give us to be hopeful?
 - a. Romans 8:18–25
 - b. Hebrews 10:19–23
 - c. A favorite passage of yours.
7. Do you have time built into your daily schedule to pray for others? What are spiritual needs of one another in the room? Take time to pray for one another.