



# Sermon Discussion Questions

*May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!*

**CHECK INS:** Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

## 12.21.25 - SERMON RECAP:

In our Advent Series: Our Identity as Disciples of Jesus, we looked this week at how we can experience God's Hope! In Ephesians 6:10-20 Paul reminds believers that our struggle is not merely human but spiritual. Yet this passage is not meant to create fear—it is meant to produce great hope for us who believe in Jesus! Because Jesus has already conquered the powers of darkness, believers are invited to stand firm in His victory, clothed with divine armor and strengthened by His Spirit. Let's turn to Ephesians 6:10-20. (As a group, let's take turns reading this scripture together; and then ponder/discuss these questions for our lives.)

## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might" (Eph. 6:10). What is the difference between relying on God's strength and relying on your own? How does this distinction shape your experience of hope and peace in spiritual battles? (Related passages: 2 Cor. 12:9–10; Philippians 4:13)
2. Paul says our struggle is not against flesh and blood (Eph. 6:12). How does recognizing the spiritual nature of conflict change the way you respond to people, stress, or opposition? How might this awareness protect your peace? (Related passages: 2 Cor. 10:3–5; James 1:19-20)
3. The armor of God is something believers are commanded to "put on." Which piece of the armor do you most often neglect, and why? How does intentionally wearing God's armor cultivate confidence and hope? (Related passages: Romans 13:12–14; Col. 3:12–14)
4. The belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness guard the core of who we are. How does knowing and living from gospel truth and Christ's righteousness protect your identity and inner peace? (Related passages: John 8:31–32; Romans 5:1)
5. The shield of faith extinguishes the "flaming arrows" of the evil one (Eph. 6:16). What are some common lies, fears, or accusations that threaten your hope? How does faith in Christ's victory disarm them? (Related passages: Hebrews 11:1; 1 John 5:4)
6. Paul describes salvation as a helmet—guarding the mind (Eph. 6:17). How does assurance of salvation protect your thoughts, emotions, and peace during seasons of doubt or attack? (Related passages: Romans 8:33–39; Titus 3:4–7)
7. The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). How have you experienced Scripture bringing clarity, hope, or peace in moments of spiritual struggle? How can God's Word become more central in your daily life? (Related passages: Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 4:4)

## How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

