



Week of August 26, 2018

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Aside from the major sports, what competitions do you enjoy watching on TV?
- B. Name a celebrity of any kind whom you would identify as a "good guy" and one who is a "bad guy"? What are attractive qualities of each?

Bible Study Questions:

1. In verse 11, what do you consider to be the "wiles" of the devil?
2. How would you rephrase verse 12 in regular language so that it would make sense to a common person?
3. Which components of the "armor of God" are strongest in your life right now? Which ones are weakest?
4. How do verses 18-20 pertain to the passage? Why do you think the words "boldly" and "boldness" appear in verses 19-20?
5. What would you identify as a "struggle" you are facing right now?
6. What influences close to you or within you might be leading you astray?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about being honest with ourselves about the struggles in our lives.