



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: The Armor of God

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Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17

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1. In his well known book *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S Lewis writes, "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them." The key is to find the Biblical balance. Why would it be naive to disbelieve in the existence of Satan, demons, spiritual warfare, etc? Why would it be naive to have an exalted view of it all? Where do you tend to position yourself between these sides?
2. *Origin & judgment of the Devil* - Read the following passages and make some bullet points of how God *originally* created the angel we know as the Devil (Eze 28:12-15; Gen 1:31)? How or why was he cast from heaven? (Isa 14:12-15; Eze 28:15-18; see also Luke 10:18)? *For further study – Satan did not go alone (Rev 12:3-4, 7-9).*
3. There are those who believe that fortune telling, horoscopes and ouija boards are harmless fun, but what does the Bible say (Lev 19:26-31; Deut 18:9-14)? Why is it in our interest to distance ourselves from these things? (Consider Eve here). Have any of you ever experienced any of these listed above? What was it like?
4. Read Gen 3:14-15 to see when spiritual warfare began for humanity? *For further study - notice the Cherub in Gen 3:24 compared to Eze 28:16.* How does Daniel 10:1-14 give us a Biblical example that this enmity between Satan and humanity is real? Discuss.
5. **Armor of Truth** - John 8:44 describes Satan as "The father of lies." Satan will lie to you about the nature of God; the character of God; God's relationship to you; God's attitude toward sin. Give an example for each of the following. Which lie do you tend hear most in your life?
6. **Armor of Righteousness** – how are we made right before the Lord? Is it really something we put on (works) or is it put on us (grace)?
7. **Armor of the Gospel of Peace** – Ephesians 6:15 writes, "and have your feet fitted with the *readiness* that comes from the Gospel of *peace*." Would you say that you are at *peace* with the Gospel and/or *ready* to share it with others?
8. **Armor of Faith** – Concerning your faith: would you say that you tend to struggle with doubt and fear at times?
9. **Armor of Salvation** – Assuming that if you are reading this, you are most likely saved. Consider though at the end of your small group spending time praying for the salvation of others you know who need Jesus.
10. **Armor of God's Word** – Considering that God's Word is powerful (Heb 4:12), from God (2 Tim 3:16), and our defense (Eph 6:17; Matt 4), why are we not in it more often (Ps 1:2)? Is this something you need to be held accountable to daily, weekly, monthly?