



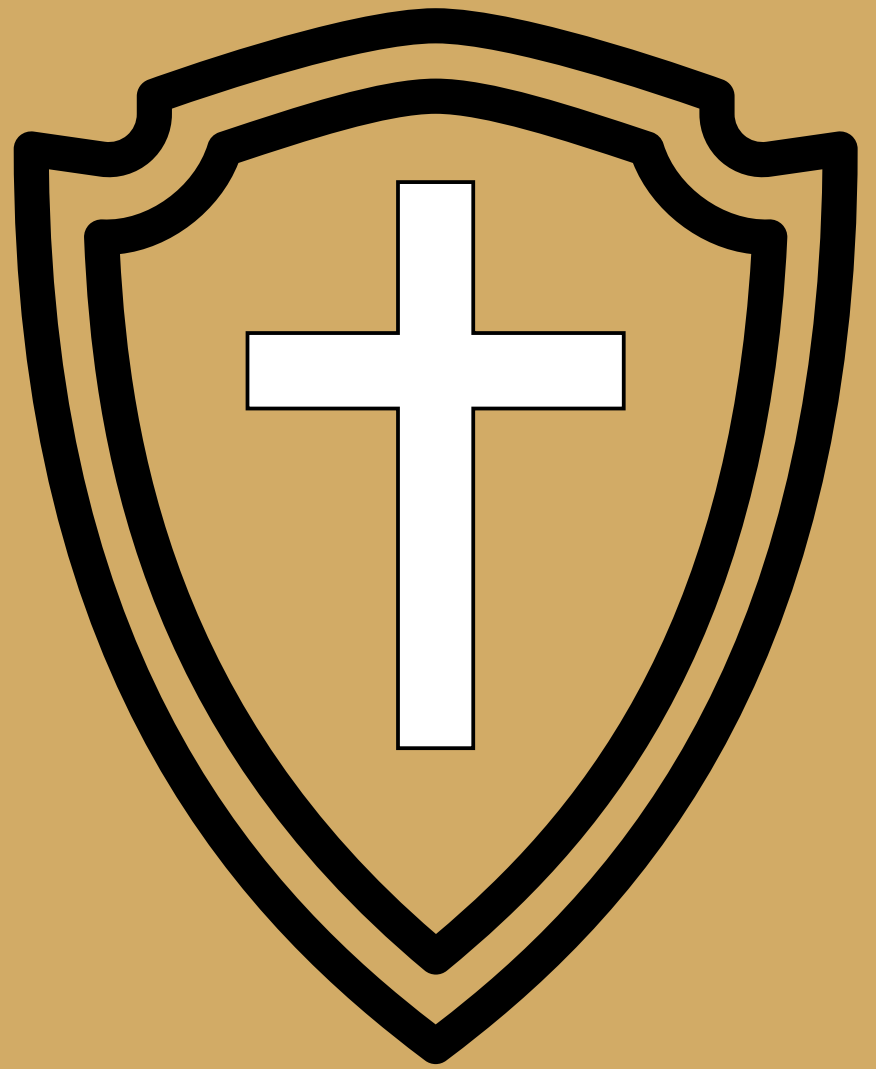
**ARMOR**  
**OF GOD**  
**LIFEGROUP**  
**STUDY**

**SHIELD OF FAITH**  
**WEEK 6 - 5/21/23**

# WELCOME

When we get in our car, we put on our seatbelts. When we get on a bike, we wear a helmet. We wash our hands before we eat. Why? We do these things because we understand that riding in a car, getting on a bike, and even eating food can be hazardous to our health! So why would we go into a world that hates us (John 17:14) where we're going to wrestle with rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, and spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12) without wearing protective gear?

In the next seven weeks, we're going to put on the armor of God. We will put it on ourselves and help others put it on as well. The LORD is sending us to battle. We must be ready and we will be!



## BEFORE THE SQUAD MEETS

1. If you're bringing a new person to the study, we recommend getting them study materials ahead of time so they can feel prepared.
2. Pray that the LORD will open your eyes and heart to receive the lessons he has to teach you in the study.
3. Read the scripture focus for the study.
4. Go through the questions and think about how you might answer them. We've provided space in the study for you to write down your answers if you'd like.



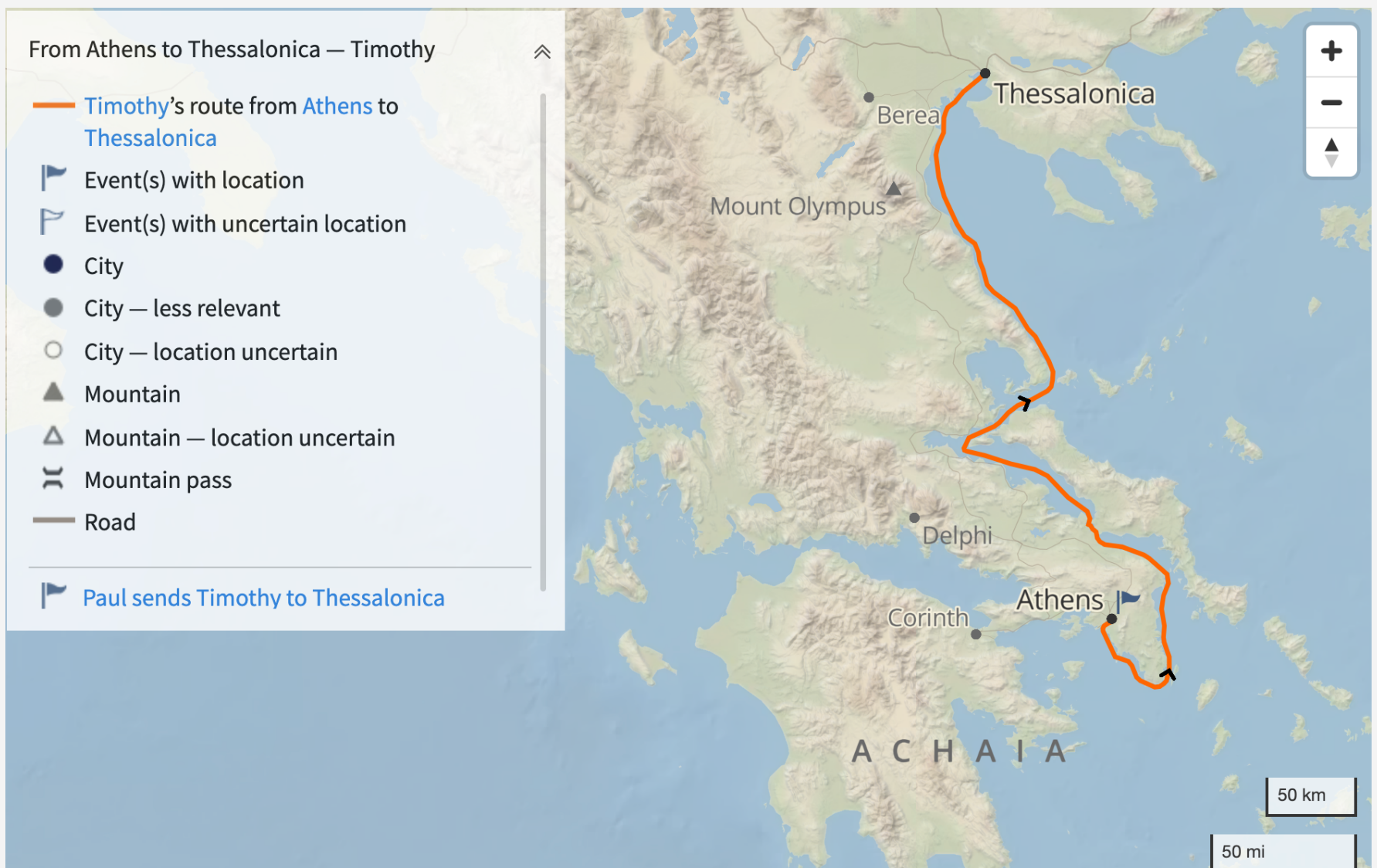
## INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Battle is dirty. It's difficult. It's not fun, and in the Christian life, battling with the enemy is inevitable. One of the enemy's main attacks comes in the form of a question - are you really saved? Did Jesus really die for you? The enemy likes to make us question whether or not God loves us enough to overlook our sins. Just as he asked Eve in the Garden of Eden, "Did God actually say..." he likes to ask us, "Did God actually say he'd save someone like you?" Our text tells us that we can answer YES to that question. While the enemy likes to beat us down and make us doubt our King, we can rest assured that our salvation protects us from all of the enemy's attacks.

## HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT

What happens when we die? Will those who have died miss out on the second coming of Christ? Some in Thessaloniki were concerned that their loved ones, believers, would be left out because they were already dead. The enemy used these questions to seed doubt and anxiety in the newly planted Thessalonian church. Paul has a remedy - the gospel. The gospel promises are for the living AND the dead.

## BATTLEFIELD MAP



## BASIC BIBLE

### TRAINING

What is the LORD revealing to us in his Word? What does the church believe?



### OUR TRAINING

How does God's Word apply to my life? What is God calling me to do? How is God comforting me in this text?

I. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. What is the "day of the Lord"?

II. What do the Christians in Thessalonica know that other people don't? How should their knowledge change their behavior?

III. Paul tells the church to put on the helmet of the hope of salvation. What is the helmet of salvation protecting them from?

IV. What is the promise of this text?

I. Did the Lord save you? If so, how did you come to know that the LORD has saved you? If not, how can your Life Group help you see who God is and why you need Him?

II. Do you doubt your salvation? Have you ever? How would you counsel someone who doubts they're saved?

## FAMILY TRAINING

How does this scripture apply to my family life as a husband, wife, father, mother, or child?

I. If you have family members who do not know the Lord, what are their objections to accepting Christ? How have you answered their objections?

II. Do you find it difficult to talk to unsaved family members about Jesus? If not, why not? If yes, what can we do about it?

## MEETING THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

What does this text tell me about proper worship? How can this text help me encounter the living God?

I. Is everyone in church on Sunday morning saved? Can we tell if someone's saved? If not, why not? If yes, how?

II. What effect, if any, does worship have on our salvation? If we stop going to worship do we lose our salvation?



# COMBAT - CONQUERING THE ENEMY

What does the text show me about my role in building God's kingdom? How can God work through me to bring others to Christ?

I. Does our hope for eternal salvation impact our lives now, or are we so heavenly-minded that we're of no earthly good?

II. What types of attacks against the kingdom does the helmet of salvation protect the church from?

## NOTES