



WK 3 CC CONNECT GROUP STUDY //

Date: Week Beginning 18.02.18

Topic: The Armour of God

Text: Eph 6:10-11 - *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in*

the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil"

STUDY 3 // THE ARMOUR OF GOD

In our modern language we do not have the everyday occasion to use the word 'armour', 'breastplate', 'shield' or 'sword'. Other than video games or superhero movies, the imagery can be lost for us at Cross Central in 2018. But during the time when the Apostle Paul was writing this letter, the church would have been completely aware of these instruments of warfare as they encountered them daily with the Roman occupying forces in their cities.

As we go through this series and particularly this study, it is important to keep in mind that our struggle always begins in the invisible realm with very real and ancient intelligence (Eph 6:12) and that the only way we can gain victory in this most important of struggles is by effectively deploying the tools and equipment specifically fashioned for the task at hand. Let us not be lulled into a false sense of security. We are in a very real fight that is for keeps, and if we do not recognise that this is a life or death fight to the finish, then we may well make the mistake in thinking that these weapons are not relevant for our modern day condition. Last week we looked at 'Authority' and that this is how the spiritual realm operates. Today we continue by studying God's armour and what it is used for.

READ EPHESIANS 6:1-23

Discuss what you think verses 1-9 are about and how they might lead into the main points of our study (vs 10-20)?

Share some ways you cope with the challenges of everyday life *ie: family, marriage, kids, work, relationships?*

What do you think of when you read the word 'armour' and how might it pertain to the subject of this study?



SUNDAY SERMON PERSONAL //

Whether you were at Cross Central on Sunday, or you watched the sermon on our youtube channel, what are some discussion points that stuck out to you, that you would like to share with the group?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION //

Read & Discuss 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

Comment and discuss what Paul is meaning in verse 3
How does verse 4 align with our study?

Read & Discuss 2 Timothy 2:1-7

What is a characteristic of being a good soldier (vs 3)?
How does verse 4 shape your understanding of spiritual warfare?

Read & Discuss Ephesians 6:10-12

Discuss where Paul tells us to get our strength from (*Vs 10*)?
Why is it important to put on the 'whole armour' of God (*Vs 11*)?
What is your understanding of 'cosmic powers' and spiritual forces' (*Vs 12 ESV*)?

Read & Discuss Ephesians 6:13-14

Why do you think Paul repeats his instructions in verse 13?
Discuss your thoughts on the belt of truth (*John 8:44*)?
What is the importance of a 'breastplate' and who's righteousness is it (*Vs 14, Romans 3:10, Philippians 3:9*)?

Read & Discuss Ephesians 6:15

What is the meaning of these shoes?
Discuss 1 John 2:6 and John 10:27

Read & Discuss Ephesians 6:16-17

What is the importance of the shield of faith and helmet of salvation?

Read & Discuss Ephesians 6:18-20

How often are we called to pray and how do we do this (*vs 18*)?
How are we instructed to pray?



ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION //

1. What are your limiting beliefs about spiritual warfare?
2. Share any experiences you have had with encountering spiritual resistance.
3. How does the full armour of God relate to your everyday walk as a disciple of Christ?

SERIES OBJECTIVES //

These are our four main goals for this series. Which one of these objectives has been highlighted to you in this study and what action will you take, because of it, this week?:

1. **Reinforce and teach our Cross Central value of 'BELIEVE'**
2. **Provide our people with a Biblical perspective of the supernatural.**
3. **Raise our awareness and engagement in practical spiritual disciplines.**
4. **Actively deploy our God given spirituality as followers of Christ.**

PRAYING FOR YOU THIS WEEK //

How can I pray for you this week?



