

Sermon Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE

Ephesians 6:10-20

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Other Passages: 2 Cor. 11:14-15

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

Read Ephesians 6:10-13 out loud with your group taking turns with the different versions of the Bible you have available with you.

- 1. Paul wants us to understand the unseen battle we face as Christians. Take a few moments and share your thoughts and maybe interactions as a believer with this battle in your own life.**
- 2. Throughout Ephesians, Paul has said that we must rely on God's strength in and through us (See 3:14-19). What's the difference between using our own strength and being strong in God's "might"?**
- 3. As a group, read it back and call out the reasons Paul gives for the command, "Put on the full armor of God"? And then discuss why those are relevant today for you.**
- 4. All of us have a few chinks in our armor. What's an area you would like to grow in? Where do you most need God's power in your life?**
- 5. How should the reality of spiritual battle affect the way a Christian prays? How will it impact the way you pray this week?**

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS