

Series: The Armor of God, a study in Ephesians 6

Sermon: The Sword of the Spirit

Primary text: Ephesians 6:17-18

Discussion guide:

- What is your favorite thing about the Bible?
- What is your least-favorite thing about the Bible?
- Why do you think Paul makes the Bible the sword? (see Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:12)
- How does Jesus use scripture in Matthew 4:1-11?
- How does the devil use scripture in Matthew 4:1-11?
- What is the difference between Jesus' and the Devils use of scripture?
- How does the Bible help you understand yourself better? (see Hebrews 4:12; Acts 2:37; 2 Timothy 3:16; James 4:22-24)
- Why is it important to read the Bible?
 - Why is it hard?
 - What do you do, or can you do to read it more regularly?
- Why is it important to work to understand what you read in the Bible?
 - Why is this hard?
 - What do you do, or can you do to understand what you read?
- Why is it important to apply what you read in the Bible?
 - Why is this hard?
 - What do you do, or can you do to apply what you read?
- Why is it important to speak what you read in the Bible?
 - Why is this hard?
 - How do you know when it is appropriate to speak the Word?
- Read Acts 2:37 – how is this a picture of how it should be whenever we read or hear God's Word?
- Read Ephesians 6:18 – why is prayer essential to the armor of God?