## DISCUSSION GUIDE



"Armor" The Monterey Way, Part 4 Pastor Bryan James November 26, 2023

**WELCOME** Meet at the front of Sanctuary for Welcome & Prayer, Worship, and Sermon Synopsis.

**WORSHIP** "In Christ Alone" – Passion, ft. Kristian Stanfill https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaTMoaQayu8

**WORD** Scripture References: <u>Ephesians 6:10-20</u>

- 1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
- Read Ephesians 6:10-11. Discuss the context of this final section
  of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. (In other words, why do you think
  Paul's final encouragement was the call for the church to put on the
  full armor of God?)
- 3. **Read verses 12-13.** Discuss what Paul means by these verses and what Pastor Bryan means when declaring, "the spiritual sits in authority over the physical and material."
- 4. Discuss examples of how physical/material problems in life (family, work, church, etc.) are actually spiritual problems. How do these verses give us Godly wisdom & understanding to correctly respond to our circumstances by seeking spiritual solutions?
- 5. Read verses 14-18. Discuss the pieces of the armor we need to stand firm. Share what part uniquely spoke to you in this section of the message. Why did it stand out?
- **6. Read verse 19-20**. (Reference also Rev. 21:7-8.) What is Paul's personal prayer request to the church for? And how does this give us insight into the character quality necessary for all leaders?
- 7. Close by reading Joshua 3:5. How is God personally speaking to you regarding consecrating yourself (setting yourself apart) in anticipation of what He will do in the coming year?

**WITNESS** Did you have an opportunity to witness to someone over the Thanksgiving holiday? Share if you desire, that we might spur one another on to be bold as the Holy Spirit leads.