

The Church ... a *Master Planned Community*
A Community Mobilized for War... *We Are Forewarned and Forearmed* (6:10-20)
Small Group Study Questions for the week of May 24-30

Getting Started

In his book *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis wrote “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” Have you seen others err on either side of this? If so, what did it look like?

Digging Deep

Read through Ephesians 6:10-20 together as a group.

1. What would it look like for someone to take Paul’s advice in v.10?
2. How is this different from other prayers for strength/power in Ephesians?
3. Why do you feel Paul goes into such detail about our struggle against four different sources in v.12?
4. How might our understanding of v.11-12 influence our response to some of the challenges we face from day-to-day?
5. From v.14-17, describe the various pieces of armor and how you have or have not experienced them in the past.
6. Is our role in this “battle” or “struggle” primarily defensive or offensive? Why/why not?
7. How is prayer in v.18-20 different from the full armor of God in v.14-17?

A Matter of Prayer

8. Agree/disagree: Paul’s prayer request in v.19-20 is unique to an apostle and not something for all believers to pray. Why/why not?
9. What is one piece of armor you could use help in putting on? What has hindered your use of it in the past?

Next Week: Ephesians 6:21-24