

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Live Armored*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

A day in your life may be difficult. It is especially difficult when you are not prepared. A baseball player may have all of his equipment standing in the batter's box except one item, his bat. Is he ready to take the first pitch? No, he is not. He is powerless against it.

Yet, even when holding a bat he can be fooled by the pitch. A batter that is tenacious and well prepared to do battle against even the nastiest of pitches. Holding on to faith and hope may be difficult but it is especially daunting when we are not alert or prepared spiritually. Because the devil is crafty and is looking to trick you. But like a well-prepared batter you can take your stand and stand your ground.

To fight against the devil the Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 6 to "put on the full armor of God." Each day there is a fight that awaits you. Be ready for battle.

Discussion

1. Describe some routines that you and your family do to prepare for bed or to get ready for each day. Share a story with the group when you weren't ready for something. What happened?
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. In the book of Ephesians Paul teaches us how to live a life of love by becoming who we are. You are given God's power, now use it. "Be strong in the Lord!" How is the strength of God a grace from God (can you earn God's armor)? Why does Paul also say that we need to "put on the *full* armor of God"?
3. How does Paul describe the devil? How does the full armor of God help us to stand against evil?
4. Describe how truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, and the word of the gospel are everyday necessities to take your stand against evil and live a life of love. Which piece of armor do you connect with the most?
5. In this letter, Paul deals with two major themes for the life of a believer; *power and identity* which leads to *prayer and worship*. Jesus wants us to become who we are. We are powerless against evil and the devil without Jesus. How does prayer and worship access our power and identity in Christ? How does prayer and worship call upon the One who fights our battles for us?

Application

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6. "Pray in the Spirit... be alert... keep on praying." Paul wants us to know for certain that God is the only one who can fight against the spiritual forces of this world. You must be in prayer. How will you choose to pray and be alert this week putting on the full armor of God?
7. Where does the church need to be fearless? How can you pray for the church to declare the gospel fearlessly?