



Ephesians – Built for Community “How to Be Strong” – November 13&14, 2021

Icebreaker: Talk about your favorite movie that involves some kind of battle or war between good and evil.

Opening Discussion: Looking back on your Engage and Grow notebook or your notes from the message, what stands out to you the most?

Digging Deeper: Read *Ephesians 6:10-18*

1. Share your views about the devil. What about the culture’s views?
2. Pastor Kirk mentioned two of the devil’s schemes/strategies – temptation and accusation. How do you see him employing these in your life?
3. Paul mentions demonic powers in v.12. Given that Paul is writing this from prison, how is this an example of how the devil uses not only people but institutions for evil?
4. In vs. 11 and 13 Paul says to stand, meaning we can and should stand against the devil. Considering his power, how are we to do that?
5. When it comes to the armor of God, why does Paul list truth first?
6. Why is the breastplate associated with righteousness?
7. What is the “gospel of peace” doing in this battle-ready scene? v15
8. How does faith extinguish the devil’s flaming arrows?

9. Why would the helmet be connected to salvation?

10. The offensive weapons we use are the Word of God and prayer. How do you use these weapons in battles you face?

Moving Forward:

Prayer: Pray specifically for your own resistance to the forces of evil and for others under attack.

“Footwear”: This passage talks about being ready to go and spread the gospel of peace. Who do you know who needs to hear the message that God wants to make peace with them? Who can you invite to weekend worship?

Caring: Pray for veterans and thank them. Get to know someone who has fought. Consider the spiritual damage they might have suffered. Pray for their healing.