

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How is life today like life in Ephesus in the first century?
2. Why do we need the strength of the Lord according to Ephesians 6:10-11?
3. Where do you see Satan influencing, infiltrating and promoting in our society today?
4. What are some of Satan's lies that we believe?
5. How do we put on the belt of truth?
6. How do we put on the breastplate of righteousness?

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Answers to fill in the blanks:
 THE BATTLEFIELD - 1) ROMAN SOLDIER 2) OCCULT 3) HUMAN HEART AND MIND
 THE MISSION - 1) SUPERNATURAL DEPENDENCE 2) STRUGGLE
 THE ENEMY - 1) SEE, CANNOT SEE 2) ATTACK 3) INFLUENTIAL 4) POLITICS, RELIGION,
 EDUCATION, BUSINESS, MEDIA, ETC... 5) IMMORAL BEHAVIOR, HATRED, SELFISHNESS,
 DEPRESSION, ETC...
 GEAR TO PUT ON: 1. BELT OF TRUTH 2) DECEIVE 3) ABSOLUTE TRUTH 3) BIBLE
 4) WEAKENS 5) BELIEVE AND SPEAK THE TRUTH
 GEAR TO PUT ON: 2. BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS 1) IMPUTED 2) IMPARTED
 3) YIELD 4) DO WHAT IS RIGHT

Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

SPIRITUAL BATTLE GEAR

PART ONE

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

THE BATTLEFIELD

EPHESIANS 3:16 (CSB)

I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit,...

- 1) Paul was a prisoner in Rome awaiting his appeal to Caesar while in house arrest often chained to a _____.
- 2) Ephesus became the base of operations for spreading the Gospel throughout the Empire. Famous for the false god Artemis (Diana), emperor worship, and the _____.
- 3) Though written to believers in Ephesus in the first century Roman Empire, Paul revealed that the real battlefield is a spiritual one involving the _____.

THE MISSION

EPHESIANS 6:10-11 (CSB)

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.

- 1) We need _____ strength to live the Christian life that only comes from _____ upon Christ.
- 2) If we want to live for Christ and resist the devil we are in for a real _____.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

THE ENEMY

EPHESIANS 6:12 (CSB)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

- 1) Our greatest enemy is not the world we _____, but the one we _____.
- 2) The rankings of demons show the various areas of _____.
- 3) *Rulers and Authorities* – Influencing the _____
- 4) *Cosmic (World) Powers of Darkness* – Infiltrating _____

- 5) *Evil Spiritual Forces* – Promoting _____

HOW DO WE GET STRENGTH FROM GOD TO WITHSTAND SPIRITUAL ATTACK?

EPHESIANS 6:13 (CSB)

For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

GEAR TO PUT ON:

1. _____

EPHESIANS 6:14a (CSB)

Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, ...

- 1) The ultimate tactic of Satan's strategy is to _____.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

- 2) Jesus Christ is the very embodiment of _____
_____.
- 3) The _____ is the final authority for truth in our world today.
- 4) Any lie that we believe or tell _____ our armor and gives our enemy a spiritual foothold.
- 5) **Commit today to** _____
_____ **because as Christians we are clothed with truth through Jesus Christ.**

Verses on Truth: John 1:14, John 14:6, Ephesians 4:20-25, Colossians 3:9, 2 Timothy 2:15

2. _____

EPHESIANS 6:14b (CSB)

...righteousness like armor on your chest, ...

- 1) When God looks at a Christian, he sees the righteousness of Christ. This is called _____ righteousness.
- 2) _____ righteousness is righteousness that God puts into my conduct and life through the Holy Spirit.
- 3) God gets the credit, yet I still must choose to _____ to His Spirit.
- 4) **Commit today to** _____
because as Christians we are clothed with righteousness through Jesus Christ.

Verses on Righteousness: Romans 4:5, Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 4:24, 5:18, 1 John 3:7