

Week of 3/27/22 Eph. 6:10-23 We Battle

The Bigger Picture:

- Are you ready to help your members take stock of their spiritual growth using the Spiritual Health Assessment? That's what we will be doing the week of April 3. This will propel our groups to have three follow up conversations in "pods" or pairs using a discussion guide. These conversations can be over the course of a few hours, or a few weeks. **Check your email next week** for the link to the guide - you'll send it out to your group members via text or email with instructions for how to access it.
- Be thinking about how you can encourage your members to pair up to debrief the assessment and go through these Discussion Guides together.
- Have you prepared your members to celebrate Good Friday (April 15) and Easter (April 17)? [Check out your location's details](#), plus tons of resources to make Easter meaningful.
- Your group has made it all the way through Ephesians together. That is an accomplishment! Next up will be a two-week series called "The End." Stay tuned as our pastors take us through Mark 13.

This Week's Goals:

We conclude the book of Ephesians this week with the grand catalog of the Armor of God. Help members understand how each piece is essential for Kingdom living and how we use our armor to stand against the evil one.

Multiplication Moment:

You and your apprentice have worked hard this semester! Make sure you thank your apprentice for their willingness to lead. A little public recognition never hurts!

Leader Tips:

What did he just say? Opening up in small group can be difficult for members, especially as we encourage vulnerability. Consider how you respond when others speak:

- Thank people for opening up
- Ask follow-up questions
- Ask other members to respond to what they just heard.

STORIES (15 min)

Sharing God Stories:

Leader, share how *you've* seen God at work in your life this week. What, if anything, will you do differently because of it? Ask a few others to share in the same way.

Get Talking:

If you could possess any superpower, what would it be and why?

Prayer: Transition from Stories to Scripture by asking someone to pray for your time in God's Word.

SCRIPTURE (45 min) - These are our Group Chat Questions for this week:

What comes to mind when you think about warfare, weapons, and armor? Is it surprising that Paul uses this language to talk about our lives as Christians?

Read Ephesians 6:10-12

**What would change in your life if you were more aware of the battle raging around you?
How does knowing that Jesus has already won the war give you hope in the midst of the battle?**

Read Ephesians 6:13-17 and talk about each of the 6 pieces of spiritual armor that we are called to put on.

**Why is each important?
Which do you struggle to put on?
Why do we need to put on all 6 pieces?**

Read Ephesians 6:18-20

**Why do you think Paul wraps up this section on the Armor of God by talking about prayer?
How is your prayer life and why is prayer so important for us?**

PRAYER (20 min)

Thank God for providing the armor of God.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help us wear the 6 components of the armor.

Is there a piece of armor that we chronically fail to employ? Specifically address that with Him.

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