



Life Group Work Sheet Ephesians 6:10-17

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. C.S. Lewis once said, "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." Do you agree with his statement? Which category do you tend to gravitate towards? What do you think about when you think about spiritual warfare?

Into the Text

2. **Read Ephesians 6:10-17.** Many people believe that this passage is the culmination of all that Paul has said so far in Ephesians.
 - a. How does this passage relate to the ones that come before? How is this passage a "call to action" in relation to everything written before?
 - b. How does this passage relate to the Christian's new identity found in Jesus?
3. **Read Isa. 11:2-5; 59:15-17; 52:7.** These verses describe the spiritual armor we are told to acquire as the same spiritual armor that God and his Messiah in the Old Testament wear. How is it encouraging to know the source of this armor (i.e., that God uses this armor to protect his children)?
4. Consider the different pieces of spiritual armor mentioned. With each one, God encourages his people to cultivate these attributes to "stand firm" in the spiritual battle that surrounds. Consider the following questions:

- a. **Truth.** How does God use our commitment to the truth to protect us from the "schemes of the devil"? Would you consider yourself a truthful person? How can you cultivate more truthfulness in your life?
- b. **Righteousness.** How does God use our growth in personal righteousness to protect us from the "schemes of the devil"? How is this connected to the righteousness that Jesus gives us in our new identity as Christians?
- c. **Readiness of the gospel of peace.** Here Paul speaks of a readiness to share the gospel as well as the security that the gospel gives us when Satan casts doubt on our salvation. How does this help us to withstand the "schemes of the devil"? What are some ways that we can become even more "ready" to share the gospel with others?
- d. **Faith.** Paul tells us that our faith is able to put out the flaming arrows of the evil one. What are these flaming arrows? How does a strong faith protect you?
- e. **Salvation.** How does the gift of our salvation protect us from doubt and other spiritual attacks?
- f. **Word of God.** Paul also tells us of the value of the Word of God in defending ourselves from the schemes of the devil. How can you use the Word of God for defense in these attacks?