

## 5-29-22 Facilitator – "Faith to Stand" Eph 6:10-20, Brown Peterson

1. **Launchers:** What does it mean to "dress for the occasion"? If Christians are at war with "spiritual forces of darkness in the heavenly places", how would you think they should dress for that occasion?

2. **Worship:** Worship God using these verses from Psalm 33: 1, 4-5, 20-22

3. **Sermon Reflection: Faith to Stand – Eph 6:10-20**

1. **The Armor of God**

- What is your favorite piece of armor? And why? Which do you use the most?  
Belt of Truth, Helmet of salvation,  
Breastplate of Righteousness, Sword of the Spirit,  
Shoes of readiness with the Gospel of peace, Praying in all circumstances  
Shield of faith, Speaking Boldly

2. **Battling ill-equipped**

- Which piece of armor or weaponry is missing?
- With which piece of armor or weaponry have you had the most training? The least?
- What are the consequences or dangers of not being skilled or having the "whole armor" of God?

3. **Strong IN the Lord**

- What is it like to be strong in someone else? Give some examples.
- What must happen for you to become confident/strong in someone else?
- What is God calling you to do to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might"?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: Pray with Us**

1. Praise the LORD for His continual active presence and intimacy to always to your God and with you. Worship his transcendence to be over all things, and yet so close to you every day in all that you do.
2. Confess how you live in rebellion against his design for you. Where do you live in folly in thinking you are equipped to go into the world without his love, truth, grace, and presence?
3. Give thanks to Jesus for modeling what the joy filled life of wearing the whole armor of God looks like. Think, ponder, and pray to Jesus how you are amazed at how he became weak so that you could be become strong in the Lord.
4. Who do you know that is living a life apart from enjoying the whole armor of God? Pray for them specifically. What Christian sister or brother do you know that is actively neglecting being equipped by God for their daily work in this world? Pray for them.
5. Ask and beg the Holy Spirit to make you a humble and joyful worker for his Kingdom. Ask Him to give you eyes to see what is happening in the Kingdom God is building and how you get to be a part in that. Pray for zeal and passion to enjoy God daily and to go after people in His strength.

5. **Mission: Christians are Ambassadors. We represent and present the desires of our King.**

An **ambassador** is an official envoy, especially a high-ranking diplomat who represents a state and is usually accredited to another sovereign state or to an international organization as the resident representative of their own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment.

As God's ambassador, in what relationships do you need courage to speak boldly the mysteries of the Gospel of God's Heavenly Kingdom. Pray. Ask God to give you words. Then go and speak on His behalf.

6. **Jesus From Others**

Close your time together in letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?