

Introduction:

Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

1. The **context** of Ephesus
2. The **composition** of the Epistle
3. The **challenge** of the Ephesian believers

I. RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE IN A WAR (Ephesians 4: 6:11-13)

1. **Self** (4:21-24)
2. **Schemes** (6:11)
3. **System** (6:12)
4. **Satan** (6:13)

II. RESPOND BY USING EACH WEAPON GOD GAVE US (Ephesian 6:10-18)

1. The belt of truth gives us **posture** (v. 14a)
2. The breastplate of righteousness results in our **purity** (v. 14b)
3. The shoes provide the message of **peace** (v. 15)
4. The shield of faith results in **persistence** (v. 16)
5. The helmet of salvation provides **protection** v. 17a)
6. The word of God gives us wisdom to **prevail** (v. 17b)
7. Prayers allow to always be **prepared** (v. 18)

III. REALIZE THAT WE CAN WIN (Ephesians 6:10)

1. **Presence** (v. 10 a)
2. **Power** (v. 10b)

Conclusion

“Well done good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:23)

1. Acts 19 gives us a background of the region of Ephesus during Apostle Paul’s time. Take time to read and take some highlights of the passage and answer the following:
 - Describe the faith of the early Christians in Ephesus. (Acts 19:1-6)
 - How long did Paul stay there and what was his ministry like? (Acts 19:10-18)
 - Describe the spiritual practices and primal faith of the Ephesians (Acts 19:19; 23-41)
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. With the background of Acts in mind, how would you read this passage differently with regards to the context, content, composition and characters involved?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-13. Paul uses several metaphors about the Christian life (athlete, warrior, farmer, voyage, etc.). Why is the metaphor of recognizing we are in a battle and that we are warriors important in our Christian lives? How does this metaphor change the way we live as Christians in our time and our place?
4. Read Ephesians 4:21-24; 6:11-13. Describe who are wrestling against and how does this battle manifest in our daily lives?
5. In the New Living Translation, Ephesians 6:13 is translated as “Therefore put on every piece of God’s armor”, while the New International Version translated it as, “Therefore put on the full armor of God.” What is the significance of these translations in how we apply the armor of God?
6. The weapons of warfare are metaphors Paul used about the Christian life. We should not be fixated of this as static symbols but rather as an active and consistent way of living. Look at each part of the armor of God and describe how you can apply this in your life.
7. Why is the statement of Paul in Ephesian 6:10 a claim that we can win against the enemy?
8. As you conclude your meeting, divide your big group into smaller groups and let each member share the following: What is one “battle” you are facing currently? Let the group pray for each person and claim the victory that “We can be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.” (Ephesians 6:10)

PRAY!