

Small Group Lesson – Week of May 1, 2022
Combat Faith (Ephesians 6:10-17)

Introduction:

How well equipped do you feel to meet the evil that you encounter day by day?

What makes someone a strong soldier spiritually?

Ephesians 6:10-17 (NLT)

¹⁰ A final word: **Be strong in the Lord** and in his mighty power. ¹¹ **Put on all of God's armor** so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ **Therefore**, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be **able to resist the enemy** in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ **Stand your ground**, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.^[b] ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ **Put on salvation as your helmet**, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Going Deeper Study Questions:

- What imperative does Paul give in bringing his letter to a close? (V.10). What is *the mighty power* Paul is referring to?
- How are we made strong in the Lord? (v. 11) As Christ followers, how do we practically put on all of God's armor? What will God's armor protect us from?
- What reminder does Paul give of the kind of spiritual war being waged (v.12)? How does Paul describe our spiritual enemies?
- What does Paul emphasize for a second time in v. 13? What is the result of heeding Paul's admonition?
- What imperative to resist does Paul give in v. 14? Identify and define the various spiritual weapons that we can access to defeat our spiritual enemies (v.v. 15-17).

Application Questions:

How would you face each day differently if you recognized you were always under attack?

- Which piece of spiritual armor is most needed right now for you and what are a few steps on how to practically put that armor on?
- How would you explain to a new believer the importance of the spiritual armor? Give 1-2 examples from your own life.
- Are you engaged in the battle today or choosing to live like it doesn't exist? If you are engaged, share how.

Pray for One Another:

- How can our group pray for you as a result of our discussion?
- Pray for one another as we battle the invisible evil forces all around us. Pray that we would learn how to put on and use the armor of God every day.
- Pray for God's daily protection to resist our spiritual enemy.

Assignment:

- Share with a friend or family member your biggest take-away from this passage.
- If you need help in learning how to put on the armor of God, please seek out a spiritual friend that you trust or one of CFC's elders.
- Since next Sunday is Mother's Day, we will not be providing a small group lesson next week. I would suggest that your group still meet for either a small group "fun night" or single lesson option.