

Small Group Lesson – Week of May 15, 2022
Combat Faith - Part Two (Ephesians 6:17-18)

Introduction:

- What is the most epic depiction of a battle either in a movie or print that you've ever seen? How did that depiction affect you?
- Do you think most Christians are prepared to fight spiritual battles? Why or why not?
- What makes someone a strong soldier spiritually?

Ephesians 6:17-18 (NLT)

¹⁷ Put on salvation as **your helmet**, and take the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the Word of God. ¹⁸ **Pray in the Spirit** at all times and on every occasion. **Stay alert** and **be persistent in your prayers** for all believers everywhere.

Going Deeper Study Questions:

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What are some occupations that require the wearing of **helmets** today? Why are helmets essential in these occupations?
- What does the helmet represent in the Bible? Why do we as Christians need to cover our heads (or minds) with the helmet of salvation? Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:17-18.
- What is the **sword of the spirit** (Ephesians 6:17)? What is the purpose of a sword? How do we use it? (John 14:26, Ephesians 5:17,18, Colossians 3:16, 1Thess. 5:19)
- Although **prayer** is not one of the pieces of the armor of God, Paul closes his list by saying, "***Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit***" (Ephesians 6:18). What does it practically mean to pray always? What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

Application Questions:

- Different thoughts always come to our minds. How can we determine where our thoughts are coming from? (Hebrews 4:11-13, James 3:13-18). What should we do with thoughts or words that come from Satan? (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)
- What is the sword of the Spirit? How do we use the Sword of the Spirit? (Ps. 149:5-9; Matt. 4:1-11). What can make our swords blunt or useless (Acts 19:11-17, Matt. 17:14-21, Heb. 12:12-17). How can we make our swords effective?
- How can we pray all the time? Why is remaining alert in prayer a challenge? What helps you remain alert as you pray?
- What's the difference between memorizing God's Word and knowing how to use God's Word as an offensive weapon when Satan attacks?
- Which piece of armor do you need to focus on the most? How can you grow in that area this week

Pray for One Another:

- How can our group pray for you as a result of our discussion?
- Pray that we would grow in our understanding and practice of spiritual warfare.

Assignment:

- Share with a friend or family member your biggest take-away from this passage.
- Team up with one of your group members and hold each other accountable in your walk with the Lord this week.
- Commit to praying daily for CFC's staff and ministry leaders.

