

The Battle is On

Discussion Guide | October 27, 2019 Ephesians 6:10-24

Questions for Study and Discussion

**Before you begin, please read Ephesians 6:10-24 as a group. (These questions will focus on Ephesians 6:10-20.)

- 1. What are some popular portrayals of the spiritual world and spiritual warfare in the culture around us?
- 2. In what ways does our culture ignore or underplay the reality of the spiritual world in everyday life?
- 3. Why is it so important to think biblically about the reality of the spiritual world and spiritual warfare?
- 4. From Ephesians 6:9, where does Paul say the source of our strength is? Why is this important to keep in mind?
- 5. Read verses 11-12. In what specific ways does the devil "scheme" against us? Read the following passages and record what they say about how the devil "schemes" against us.

Genesis 3:1-6

Matthew 4:1-11

John 8:44

Ephesians 4:25-27

1 Peter 5:8

- 6. In Ephesians 6:13-17 Paul lists various pieces of "the armor of God." Walk through each item Paul lists how is the work of Christ central in how we understand each one?
- 7. In verses 17 and 18 Paul mentions the Word of God and prayer. Why are these "offensive weapons" so important as we think about the spiritual world? How does engaging the Bible and praying make a difference in "standing firm" and "taking our stand against Satan"?
- 8. "The battle is real, but the war has been won and the foe has been defeated" (see also Colossians 2:13-15 and 1 John 4:4.) In your own words, summarize what this means and how it captures Christian truth about spiritual warfare.
- 9. For followers of Jesus, the reality of the spiritual world shouldn't lead to fear but to awareness, dependence, perseverance, and hope. Choose ONE of these attitudes that stands out to you. Why is this attitude important to cultivate as you think about the spiritual world, and the spiritual battle we're in? How practically can you grow in this attitude as it relates to the spiritual world?
- 10. What is one big take-away you have from this passage? What practical applications do you need to make in your life this week, based on this truth from God's Word?
- 11. **Challenge: Memorize Ephesians 6:10-11:** 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.