The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-20

Bible Study Questions 5-18-22

1. As you read this passage, what battlefield images come to mind?

2. Why must we rely on God’s power if we are to be victorious against our spiritual enemies (vv. 1-11)?

3. Throughout Paul’s life he was opposed, flogged, stoned, and imprisoned by various human enemies. Why then does he claim that our struggle is “not against flesh and blood” (v. 12)?

4. Paul identifies our true enemies as “the devil” (v. 11) and the demonic rulers, authorities, powers, and spiritual forces of this dark age (v. 12). What evidence do you see of these hostile forces in your life or the lives of Christians you know?

5. Why do you think Paul states three times that we must stand our ground, do everything to stand and stand firm (vv. 13-14)?

6. Why are both truth and righteousness essential components of our armor (v. 14; see also Isaiah 11:5 and 59:17)?

7. How can the gospel message that you have peace with God (v. 15) give you strength to stand against spiritual opponents?

8. Faith (v. 16) refers to both what we believe and who we believe in. How can our faith act like a shield against all of the evil one’s flaming arrows?

9. What flaming arrows has the devil aimed at you recently?

In what ways do you need to exercise faith in God’s protection and promises?

10. The “sword of the Spirit” (v. 17) is our only offensive weapon. Why do we need both the Spirit of God and the Word of God to defeat the devil?

11. Although prayer (vv. 18-20) isn’t listed as one of the pieces of our armor, how is prayer a vital component of your spiritual warfare?