

Discussion Questions

Ephesians 6:10-24 - Really Real Protection

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

1. Do you tend to be a trusting type, or are you more suspicious about other people? Why?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-24 aloud. What words, phrases or ideas catch your attention or raise a question for you?
2. What did Paul say to exhort his readers? (v. 10)
3. Why do Christians need to put on the armor of God? (vss. 11-12)
4. Which pieces of armor are more defensive and which are more offensive?
5. What does it mean to pray "in the Spirit"? (v. 18)
6. Why did Paul tell the Ephesians to pray for him? (vss. 19-20)
7. Who took Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus? (v. 21)
8. What did Paul say in benediction? (v. 24)

Reflecting on your Life

9. What from this passage can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever?
10. How often are you engaged in spiritual warfare?
11. In the sermon, Pastor Paul said that God's word is a "performative word." It doesn't just inform, it also performs what it says. In what ways have you experienced God's Word "doing what it says" in your life?
12. In Ephesians 3:18, Paul says to pray "with all prayer and supplication." What experiences have you had in different ways of praying that have broadened your understanding of prayer? (for example: written prayer, call and response prayer, meditative prayer, praying the psalms, Adoration-Confession-Thanksgiving-Supplication format of praying, or others)

Deeper into Scripture

13. What does Hebrews 4:12 tell us about the power of God's Word?
14. What similarities and differences do you see between Eph. 6:10-20 and Isaiah 59:17?

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

15. *How do you normally respond to frustrations and opposition in your life? Might these be opportunities to put on the full armor of God? How might you respond with God's Word and praying in the Spirit?*