

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"Life in War Time"

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## **Ephesians 6:10-18**

The Armor of God

10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

### **Starters:**

What about the sermon did you find helpful? What did you find most challenging?

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1) How does Paul describe our spiritual enemies?
- 2) As far as the passage suggests, what is the greatest obstacle to being good spiritual warriors?
- 3) Discuss each piece of armor that Paul describes. They are symbolic, but ask yourself how each of them would contribute toward your awareness of the spiritual conflict we're in. E.g., How do the "of the readiness of the Gospel of peace" relate to being aware of spiritual conflict and our earthly mission?
- 4) Paul says to pray always. Is this possible? How might you achieve such a thing?

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