

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: The Armor of God

Scripture: Ephesians 6:14-20

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Ephesians 6:16
 - What does Paul mean by "taking up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one"?
 - Why is faith described as a "shield"? How does it protect believers from spiritual attacks?
 - What does "all the flaming darts of the evil one" suggest about the nature and variety of spiritual challenges?
 - How does trusting God and His promises help believers resist doubts, temptations, and spiritual attacks? (See Hebrews 11:1; 1 John 5:4.)
 - How can communities of faith encourage one another to keep faith strong in the face of challenges? (See Galatians 6:2.)
 - What practical steps can help individuals strengthen their faith daily? (See Romans 10:17.)
- Read Ephesians 6:17
 - What is the purpose of "the helmet of salvation," and how does salvation guard the believer's mind?
 - What does Paul mean by "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"? How is it used in spiritual engagement?
 - How do these pieces of armor complement each other in protecting and equipping a believer?
 - How does remembering your salvation help guard your mind against fear, doubt, and discouragement? (See Romans 8:38-39; 1 Thessalonians 5:8.)
 - How can Scripture be used practically to confront challenges or encourage others? (See Hebrews 4:12.)
 - In what ways can believers actively "wield the Word of God" in personal and communal contexts? (See Colossians 3:16.)
- Read Ephesians 6:18-20
 - What does Paul instruct about prayer in verse 18, and how does it relate to standing firm in spiritual battle?
 - Why does Paul emphasize praying for "all the saints"?
 - What is the significance of Paul's request for prayer that he may speak the gospel with boldness? (v. 19-20)
 - How does persistent prayer strengthen believers to remain alert and resilient in spiritual challenges? (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.)
 - Why is intercessory prayer important for the health and effectiveness of the church community? (See James 5:16.)
 - How can awareness of the spiritual nature of the gospel encourage believers to share it with confidence and dependence on God? (See Acts 4:29-31.)