



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **SEPTEMBER 20**

Church Life: Body, Temple, Family

Ephesians 6:10-20 | Standing Against the Devil's Schemes

Icebreakers!

1. How do you usually deal with people who don't like you, if you can't avoid them?
2. When does someone cross the line to the point you think, "I need to protect myself"?

Growing Together

3. **Study Ephesians 6:10-20 on the next page.** What connections do you see with the different colors? Anything new you're noticing on reading this passage this time?
4. What happens in your head and your heart if you hear someone is scheming against you? How does that change if it's the devil and supernatural forces doing it?
5. What does it mean to be strong *in the Lord* and in the strength of *His* might?
6. Walk through the armor of God and start making connections with what's true about you because of your salvation in Jesus.
7. Walk through the armor again: but this time, how does the armor guide us to living these things out, binding them onto ourselves?
8. How does Paul slide so easily into talking about prayer here? How should prayer connect with putting on this spiritual armor?
9. How should we wear the armor of God, not for ourselves individually, but also for the church that we're meant to be one with and to build up together with Christ?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

11. Which does your head need more: to be alarmed by the reality of the devil's schemes? or to be calmed by the reality of God's power to strengthen you?
12. What do you need to remind yourself that God has equipped you with to stand against the devil? What part of the armor do you need to put on with more intentionality?
13. Who do you pray with? Who in our church can you invite to pray with you in the week ahead—for boldness in sharing the gospel, and for strength to resist the devil?

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, **be strong in the Lord**
and in the strength of his might.
Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand
against the schemes of the devil.

For we do not wrestle
against ~~flesh and blood~~,
but against the **rulers**,
against the **authorities**,
against the **cosmic powers**
over this present darkness,
against **the spiritual forces of evil**
in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up
the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to **withstand**
in the evil day,
and having done all,
to **stand** firm.

Stand therefore,
having fastened on
the belt of truth,
and having put on
the breastplate of righteousness,
and, **as shoes** for your feet,
having put on
the readiness given
by the gospel of peace.
In all circumstances take up
the shield of faith,
with which you can extinguish
all the flaming darts
of the evil one;
and take **the helmet of salvation**,
and **the sword of the Spirit**,
which is the word of God,
praying at all times in the Spirit,
with **all prayer** and **supplication**.
To that end,
keep alert with **all** perseverance,
making **supplication**
for **all** the saints,
and also for me,
that words may be given to me
in opening my mouth **BOLDLY**
to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,
for which I am
an ambassador in chains,
that I may declare it **BOLDLY**,
as I ought to speak.