

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 6 Armor of God Part Five

“Listeners are satisfied with belief alone, but learners are only satisfied with the union of belief and behavior.” – Powell ☺

1) Spiritual Warfare: Always prepared. (Eph. 6:16)

- In warfare, how important is it to be prepared? Can you think of examples in history when people were not prepared for battle? What was the outcome?
- 1 Peter 5:8-9. How does the Apostle Peter describe the devil? How can one avoid being devoured? Share your answers.
- How can we see the compartmentalization of our faith as not always being prepared? How easy is it to do this?

2) Spiritual Warfare: Our faith. (Eph. 6:16)

- Hebrews 11:1. How does the Author of Hebrews define faith? In your own words define:
 - “Assurance” as a Person, not position. (Heb. 10:19-25)
 - “Conviction” as led by the Holy Spirit. (1 Thess. 1:2-5)
- 1John 5:4. How does our shield of faith give us victory in the battle of spiritual warfare?
- Can you think of a time that your faith shielded you from a spiritual attack? If comfortable, share with the group.

3) Spiritual Warfare: Victory against attack. (Eph. 6:16)

- What were the two examples of how the devil attacks us? (See Genesis 3:1 and Revelation 12:10) Discuss these two modes of attack. Have you experienced or witnessed either of these methods? Share with the group.
- The devil hurls darts of *doubt* and *disobedience*. What does this look like within our own lives? Contrast with the two passages above. How can we avoid and/or defeat doubt and disobedience with the shield of faith?
- Contrast assurance and conviction with doubt and disobedience. (See Matthew 26:41)