

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 6:18-20
Armor of God Part Eight

"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still." -E.M. Bounds

1) Spiritual Warfare: Prayed up and prepared. (Eph. 6:18)

- What does it mean to pray at all times?
- Define and discuss “praying in the Spirit.” (Jude 20)
- In your own prayer life, how do you view the difference between general prayers and supplication? Discuss.
- “Keep alert with all perseverance” Define and discuss. How can we keep alert within the context of spiritual warfare? How does our armor help us keep alert?
- Colossians 3:1-2. What does it mean to:
 - Seek things that are above.
 - Set our minds on things above.
 - How do both of these concepts help us understand what it means to “keep alert”?

2) Spiritual Warfare: Boldness in the gospel. (Eph. 6:19-20)

- What does it mean to be bold in the gospel? Discuss the significance of Paul using the term twice in the same thought. (Acts 1:8)
- For Paul, the gospel was a mystery, in part because of the gift of grace. Also, because of people’s perception of Christianity in the first century. How might we see our faith being a mystery to people today? How can we share the mystery of the gospel with clarity and boldness?
- Why was Paul an ambassador in chains? How are we called to be ambassadors for Christ? (2 Cor. 5:20-21)
- Paul says to “speak what he ought.” Share examples of speaking what we ought; give good and poor examples. Meaning: when can we say too much and not enough?
- How might we view our ability to properly share the gospel as being prayed up and prepared? (Matt. 28:19-20)