

Ephesians 6:10-24



The text – Ephesians 6:10-24

1. Ephesians 6:10 commences with the word “finally”. Paul is bringing his letter to its conclusion. He has written about the Lord’s “mighty power” earlier in the letter, in Ephesians 1:18-21. What does he mean by this “mighty power”?
2. Notice the repeated use of the word to “stand” in 6:11, 13 and 14. Why is this so important? What does it mean to stand?
3. Notice the repeated references to “evil” in 6:12, 13, and 16. What is “evil”? What do you learn about evil in this passage?
4. Three pieces of armour are “put on” (belt, breastplate, footwear) and three are “taken up” (shield, helmet, sword). Discuss the differences between these two groups of three.
5. Discuss the importance of prayer with reference to 6:18-20. When and why should we pray?
6. Note how important “peace” is to the apostle as this letter concludes. Consider 6:15 – “gospel of peace” – as well as 6:23. What does Paul mean by “peace”?

The Scriptures – Ephesians 6:10-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Read Joshua 1:5-9 in which we find the language of “stand” and “be strong”. This Joshua passage is about war against the Canaanites in the land God has given to Israel. Paul writes about a very different kind of war in Ephesians 6 – a war on behalf of the peace of the gospel. Compare and contrast these passages.
8. Armour imagery is borrowed by the apostle from other parts of Scripture including Isaiah 59:15-17. Read and discuss this passage. Compare and contrast it with Ephesians 6:10-17
9. Paul also uses armour imagery in other NT letters. Read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Ephesians 6:10-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

15. Discuss each of the pieces of armour and how they function in your own life. Which ones do you put on or take up more readily? Which ones do you struggle to put on or take up?
16. Paul writes about “when the evil day comes”. Can you share about one such time in your life? Did you experience God’s strength? How did God help you?
17. How has God challenged you through this study? What will you do in response?