

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Ephesians 6:10-17

Introduction

- I. Spiritual Warfare is Real Ephesians 6:10-12
  - A. The War is Satanic 1 Peter 5:8
  - B. The War is <u>Strategic</u> 2 Corinthians 2:11, Revelation 12:9,12,17, John 10:10
- II. Spiritual Weapons are Required Ephesians 6:13-17
  - A. The Belt of Truth John 8:44
  - B. The Breastplate of Righteousness Romans 13:12
  - C. The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
  - D. The Shield of Faith Proverbs 30:5, Psalm 18:30, 1 John 5:4
  - E. The Helmet of Salvation Isaiah 26:3
  - F. The Sword of the <u>Spirit</u> Hebrews 4:12

Conclusion

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## Getting Started

1. Describe a time when you felt you were under spiritual attack from Satan. How did you know you were under attack? How did it feel?

2. Did you experience victory in that attack? What did it require? How did it impact your faith?

## **Going Deeper**

1. We live in a spiritual war zone and are battling a real adversary. Satan is the instigator of this war and our enemy. The Bible describes him as a deceiver, a liar, a tempter, and a destroyer. How does knowing this give us the advantage?

| <ol> <li>Read Ephesians 6:11-12. Why do we need to put on the full armor of God?<br/>(There are two distinct reasons given.)</li> </ol>   |
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| That you may  |
| For we do not   |
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| 3. Read Revelation 12:9 and II Corinthians 2:10-11. Our enemy is ancient, but that<br>means his tactics are known and documented. What are some strategies you<br>know Satan specifically uses to come after you?           |
| Know Satah specifically uses to come after you?   |
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| 4. Read Ephesians 6:13-18. The Lord has armed us to confront Satan and his<br>schemes. For each of the strategies you listed above (question #3), name the<br>piece of armor you've been equipped with to engage the enemy. |
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5. Read Revelation 12:12 and Colossians 2:15. What is Satan's fate? Who has the victory? How and when was it won?

## Applying the Message

1. Spiritual warfare is real, but we do not need to be a casualty of war. God has equipped us with everything we need to be victorious. What piece of the armor of God is most valuable to you right now? Why?

2. In II Corinthians 12:9 we learn that it is His strength, not ours, that brings victory. How can you lean into the Lord in the battles you are facing?