

Ephesians 6:10-24 Bible Study

1. In general, what ideas of the 'spiritual world' do people have?

Try and have a conversation about things you have heard or seen people saying or doing.

2. Why does Paul write this warning to the Ephesians? Is this warning appropriate to us too? Why/why not?

They are God's people, given every spiritual blessing, living under the Lords love and rule is great. But it's not always easy. Temptation from the world sin and the devil will come. Paul wants them to see that, in Christ, God has equipped them for a life standing firm in God. They have weapons in the spiritual battle.

3. Why does the devil and forces of evil want to attack people? How does he specifically attack Christians and non Christians?

The devil wants to wreak havoc in a battle he has already lost. For non believers he wants to affirm their apathy, fire up their rebellion to God and blind them to any truth about God. Convincing them that, either there is no God, or you are your own god, or worship false gods

For believers he wants to undermine your trust, hope and security in God grace.

4. What does it mean to pray in the Spirit? Why does Paul use this description of prayer in this passage? (look too at Romans 8:26-27)

Paul only uses this term in this passage. There is no difference between praying in the Spirit and praying. When we pray to God it is always in the spirit. I think Paul uses the term here, because he is talking about a battle in the 'spiritual world, and so wants to reinforce that God has given us tools in the spiritual battle.

5. Have a look through the 'armour of God', verse 14 – 17. Can you think of a time when you have, or may need to, call on one of these in your life?

We always need all of what God has given us in Christ, but try and see if there is or has been a time when you have found comfort, assurance in any aspect of the 'armour of God'. Eg. God's truth to counter lies from the world, sin and the devil.

6. Why is prayer so important to Paul? How is this seen in his prayers (see, Romans 1:8-10, 15:13, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Ephesians 3:14-21)

Paul understands his dependency on God, he knows that all other believers are dependant on God. All we have is from God, so praise him. God is our strength, call on him. God fights for us, so call on him. Prayer keeps bring us back to relying on God, not on our own strength in the battle. All we have is from God all glory to God, so praise him.

7. What are the areas where you are vulnerable to the devil's attacks? How can you cover yourself against this attack? (using the full armour of God).

8. How can you proactively, prepare yourself, kids, others, against the devils schemes?

Spend some time praying together about what you have learnt about God. If you feel comfortable, share areas of your life that you would appreciate other in your group to pray for.