

# spiritual warfare

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We want to invite anyone who calls Northview their home church to consider becoming a member. Our next round of Membership classes will be on October 22 & 29. If you would like to know more about Membership, head to our website [northview.org/membership](http://northview.org/membership).
- Baptism Classes. The next Baptism Class will be October 15 at 7:00pm. For more information, email [baptism@northview.org](mailto:baptism@northview.org).
- Registration for on-site services is now open on Wednesdays at 12pm. Be sure to check your inbox for your confirmation email to make sure you are registered.
- As promised, we've continued to add service times at our various campuses for onsite gatherings and it's been amazing to gather together again.
  - October 10: We added another Saturday night service time. Service times will be at 4:00pm & 6:00pm.
  - October 18: Center Court will be open as a venue for Sunday services at 9:00am & 11:00am.
- Need prayer? Email [requestprayer@northview.org](mailto:requestprayer@northview.org) to submit a request to our prayer team



Content



Care



Connection



Commission

### KEEP MEETING TOGETHER

We want to encourage you to continue meeting together! As you feel comfortable, consider gathering together physically. Please continue to be sensitive to your individual group members' comfort level with this. If online meetings are still needed, keep going! The most important thing during this season is to keep connecting!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Content:** Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak through our Pastors as they continue to teach on this topic and present God's word in the midst of a pandemic.

**Connect:** Pray that we would make significant efforts to don the armour of God on a daily basis. That we would put on the shoes of peace and make peace in a difficult relationship.

**Care:** Pray that God would grant our Church a diligent heart of prayer for one another. That the Spirit would bring to mind those who face suffering right now.

**Commission:** Pray that we would don the armor of God and resist the devil's schemes. That we would put on the belt of truth and speak biblical truth in a situation.

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## **Ephesians 6:10-17**

### **LOOK**

#### **1. Read 1 Eph. 6:10-17**

- What stands out to you from the passage?
- What seems important to you?
- Find the who, what, where, when, how of the passage.
- What ideas or words are repeated?

*We are commanded to be strong - but in God's might (v.10)*

*Without the armor, we will not be able to stand (v.11)*

*The command to stand firm is a defensive posture towards Satan's schemes (v.11)*

*All the armor, except for the sword of the Spirit (v.17)*

*Our battle is in the spiritual realm, so our armor and weapons must also be spiritual (vv.12-13)*

*Our adversary (Satan) is portrayed as a powerful spiritual foe, who shoots fiery darts at us (v.10, 16)*

*Satan is also portrayed as a shadowy trickster who is looking for a way to trap or entangle someone (v.11)... he waits for the opportune time (v.13)*

*Note the calls to action in the passage (be strong, put on, take up, stand, keep alert, be strong, etc.)*

### **LEARN**

#### **1. Read Isa. 59:14-20**

- What is the problem Isaiah sees in Israel when he writes these words?  
*- Sin! There is injustice and no truth. The schemes of Satan (Eph. 6:11) seem to be working effectively against the people of Judah*
- Who is the person who is going to "put on" this armor?  
*- Jesus! The Redeemer (v.20) will be the one who wears the armor and leads people away from sin*

#### **2. Read Luke 4:1-13**

- How do we see Satan waiting for the opportune time to go and attack Jesus?  
*- He waits until Jesus is hungry (v.2) and comes to offer him food*
- How do we see Jesus using the armor of God to stand firm and resist Satan's attacks?  
*- Jesus is full of the Spirit (v.1), and uses the sword of the Spirit (the Bible) to rebuke Satan (vv. 4, 7, 10)*

### **LIVE**

#### **1. We see that the armor is necessary and effective in the fight against Satan and his schemes.**

- Which piece of armor do you find the easiest to put on? Which is hardest?
- How can you put on the armor?

Where is a place in your life you can put on....

- the belt of truth and speak biblical truth to a person or situation?
- the shoes of peace and make peace in a difficult situation or relationship?
- the shield of faith and persevere in the face of suffering and difficulty?

#### **2. Where is a place that you need to "take a stand" in the spiritual war you are fighting?**

- Spend some time in smaller groups (2-3 persons) and pray for strength to face the attacks of Satan as he seeks to entice you to sin.
- Brainstorm a small step you can take in putting on the armor to take your stand against Satan's schemes.