



Ephesians Notes

Chapter 7 - Mission needs Armor



Chapter Summary

In this chapter we deal with living with mission and how the armor of God only makes sense to those who are living on mission. As we look at the armor of God those who do not see the spiritual battle and are engaged in mission will not understand why all of this is needed.

Leader Instruction

Use this time to challenge your group to live according to the new life that God has given you through His Spirit. Have them evaluate their involvement in missional living.

Note: This is just an outline of the chapter please study and be creative in your presentation and discussion



Notes

Intro:

Ephesians 6:10-17

1. This text deals with the armor of God. This text only makes practical sense to those who are engaged in the battle and the mission of God.

NEW LOOK AT THE MISSION

God did not just save us from sin, problems, and stress. He has saved us to Himself and called us to a mission. We as believers have been commissioned and sent to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).

1. Why is living on mission so important to the christian life?
2. What happens to those who have no sense of mission?
3. Do you see your life as apart of the great mission of God?
4. How does that practically effect the way you live?

NEW LOOK AT THE ARMOR

Vs. 10 - **“be strong”** fails to bring out the force of the passive verb. Better **“find your strength in the Lord”** and in the power of His might.

- (1) How do you find strength in the Lord?



(2) When do you know you are empowered by God and not doing something in your own strength?

Vs. 12 – “**see**” - We must see where the real battle is raging. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood.

(1) Talk about behavior verses heart. Show them that the behavior we see in peoples lives are connected to their heart.

Each image picks up a theme from this book. “The belt of truth” (6:14) is openness and honesty that create a climate of trust and unity (cf. 4:25). “The breastplate of righteousness” (6:14) is moral purity (5:3). “Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace” (6:15) is the full acceptance of others, despite race or social class, that enables us to experience the peace Christ made between us through the Cross (2:11–22). “The shield of faith” (6:16) is confidence in the supreme power of Christ our living head (2:20; 3:20). “The helmet of salvation” (6:17) is realization of our new identity in Christ as God’s new creations (2:1–10). Only “the sword of the Spirit” (6:17) is defined in the armor passage, and this is because Paul has not mentioned the Word of God earlier in his letter.¹

Vs. 18 - “Pray always” - prayer only makes sense to those on mission.

(1) Why is prayer so important?

(2) Why is praying for others so important?

Spend time in Prayer for people and each other!!!

¹Richards, L. O. 1991; Published in electronic form by Logos Research Systems, 1996. The Bible readers companion (electronic ed.) (802). Victor Books: Wheaton