



Sermon Questions: *Grace-Filled Warfare*

Date: *August 15, 2021* | Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-20*

1. There is no place Christ does not claim and no sphere where Satan won't seek to destroy the image and presence of God. Where have you experienced this reality recently?
2. David encouraged us, "dead people don't struggle - it's a good sign if you are struggling." Do you feel like you're particularly struggling right now? Discuss with the group how you can support one another and encourage one another to put on Christ as you do so.
3. Fastening on the *belt of truth* means believing the Bible is the divinely inspired word of God and that Jesus is *the* truth of salvation. How does our culture push against both of these beliefs?
4. David referenced an article by Bill about engaging with the truthfulness of the Bible ([click here](#) for the full piece). We all have the tendency to read the Scriptures to prove ourselves right rather than to identify where we are wrong. Are you aware of how you do this? And if so, how?
5. Putting on the *breastplate of righteousness* means not standing on our own accomplishments, but receiving Christ's accomplishments on our behalf. Where are you tempted to struggle for righteousness on your own and how does this passage give us confidence that we already have the victory?

Inward Grace in Action

1. Pray together that God will use his Word to conform us into the image of Christ, have our blind spots exposed, our sins uncovered, our negligence to both God and others revealed, forgiven, and transformed into a new spirit.
2. Putting on our Gospel armor will change us daily and for eternity. But how specifically? David challenged us with this question: "How do I want people to experience me and who do I want to be?" Take time to discuss in detail your answer to this question.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Rom. 7:15-20
- Eph. 1:13
- Exodus 15:3
- Isaiah 11:1 & 5
- Isaiah 59:15-17a

Listen to the Ephesians worship playlist on Spotify.

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