

EPHESIANS: EQUIPPED FOR BATTLE

Get the Right Equipment (Part 2)

Sunday Night Discussion

Take Up the Shield of Faith (vs. 16)

(Read vs. 16)

How would you explain faith to people who don't have any word for faith or trust in their native language?

Share a situation that tested your faith.

Often, taking up the shield of faith means that we remember the promises of God and apply them to our situation. What are some promises that have brought you great comfort in your fight against Satan?

Take the Helmet of Salvation (vs. 17a)

(Read vs. 17)

What does it mean to take the helmet of salvation?

There are several different theological terms that talk about eternal security, explain the differences between these three:

1. Preservation of the Saints
2. Perseverance of the Saints
3. Assurance of Salvation

Have you ever struggled with the assurance of your salvation? What caused you to struggle?

Why is it dangerous to place the assurance of our salvation in a prayer that we prayed or decision that we made?

Do you have to pray a prayer in order to be saved? What do you have to do in order to be saved?

Where is the one place that we can look to in order to find the assurance that God loves us, is for us, and has saved us? Why shouldn't we look anywhere else?

Take the Sword of the Spirit (vs. 17)

(Read vs. 17)

Paul compares the Bible to a sword (21st Century=gun). Why might that be troubling to some people?

Exodus 15 calls God "a man of war." Where are some times in Scripture that you see God the Father/Jesus the Son as a man of war?

Nothing can replace the word of God in the life of the Christian. Why?

We all have different habits/routines when it comes to reading the Word of God on a regular basis. Some call this devotions, others call it a quiet time, and there are many other names for it. We cannot become legalistic about what we do because what works for one person may not work for another person. With that in mind, discuss the following questions:

- What time of day do you have your devotions?
- How do you determine what you will read in the Bible that particular day?
- Do you use any helps/guides/books?
- What have you found effective?
- What have you found ineffective?
- Do you do anything else during that time besides read your Bible?

Imagine someone said the following to you: "I know I need to read my Bible more but I just don't know what to do. What would you suggest?" What would you say?