

Week 07 Small group

The Armour of God

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Warm up question

When have you gone through a battle in your life, and how did you overcome it?

Read

Ephesians 6:10–24

Study

1. What does Paul teach about the nature of the devil (verses 11-12)?
2. There are two possible extremes: to imagine the devil is everywhere and behind everything that goes wrong; and to imagine that he's nowhere and not personally involved in our world. Where do you position yourself with regard to those extremes?
3. Work through the armour of God piece by piece (verses 13-17). Why is the item necessary? How do you put it on?
4. Some consider prayer (verses 18-20) to be the final weapon (although Paul doesn't tell us to put it on in the same way as the other items). What does Paul encourage prayer for? How well does this describe your own praying?
5. How is Paul's love for individuals and for the wider church evident in the closing verses (21-24)?
6. Love has been a recurring theme in our studies of Ephesians 4-6. Retrace the three chapters and pick out the references. Turn your thoughts into prayer (see below).

Pray

Adapt Paul's prayer in verses 23-24 as you pray for each other. Pray for any who are under spiritual pressure at the present time, that they may stand firm.