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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share their thoughts about war. How should one wage war so that they will become victorious?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- The Battle Belongs to the Lord
- A Mighty Fortress is Our God

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will be aware that apart from God, they are powerless against evil.
2. GG members will make use of God's resources to engage in spiritual warfare.

INTRODUCTION

Beginning with chapter 4, Paul had shown the Ephesian church how they are to walk in unity as a church, how they are to walk wisely in contrast with unbelieving Gentiles, how they are to walk in love as imitators of God, and how they are to walk in submission to one another at home. Doing all these things will not be a walk in the park because there are forces that oppose believers from doing so. From here on, Paul will be talking about how believers can stand against these opponents.

Paul exhorted believers to rely upon the Lord's strength (v. 10)

1. How would you compare God's strength to human strength? (cf. Isaiah 40:28-31; Ephesians 1:19)
2. How do believers tap into God's strength? (cf. Ephesians 3:16)

APPLICATION

Children

1. Why do you think we need the Lord's strength when we are going through some tough times or challenges? Share your thoughts.
2. What is the difference between our strength/ power and God's strength/power?

Youth

1. What was one instance you decided to rely on your own strength instead of God's strength to try to get through something? What was the result?
2. What are some of the things you are currently being tempted by that you need God's strength to resist?

Adults

1. Share a time when God strengthened you either to do His will or to resist temptation. How did you rely upon His strength?
2. What are some ways you can safeguard yourself from relying upon your own strength to do God's will?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Community

What impact would a local church have on its community when its members rely upon God's strength to walk pleasing to the Lord? How is God glorified through this?

World

What are the implications of this passage toward evangelism and gospel sharing? How can this passage encourage you in sharing the gospel with others?

Paul warned believers of their opponents (vv. 11-12)

1. Who are the opponents of believers mentioned in this passage? How did Paul describe them?
2. Believers are to stand against the schemes of the devil. How would you describe "scheming"? How does it differ with "planning"? (cf. Ephesians 4:14)

APPLICATION

Children

1. Have you seen people fighting like in martial arts, fencing, or in movies? What did you notice about these people? Share.
2. What do you think an armor does when in battle? Share.

Youth

What was one experience where you could sense that there were powers and forces you were fighting against? Describe the experience. How did you respond to it?

Adults

1. Why do you think it's important to know about your opponents? What difference does it make going into a fight against an opponent you're familiar with versus not knowing who you're fighting against?
2. How would you compare yourself against what Paul lists as opponents of believers? How do you think verse 10 connect with these verses?

Community

Our country, especially in the provinces, still believe in supernatural forces such as aswang, kapre, etc. How do you see these in light of what Paul mentioned in this passage? What can you tell people to counter their fears?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

World

Majority of the world believes that nothing exists outside the physical observable world. How does this affect believers?

Paul urged believers to put on the whole armor of God (v. 13)

1. What does God provide for believers in light of their spiritual opponents?
2. Notice the purpose of the armor. What will it allow believers to do?
Why do you think this is the intended purpose of the armor?

APPLICATION

Children

How can we defend ourselves from the evil out there? Prayer is one of them, do we often pray and ask God to protect us from evil? Share your thoughts on these.

Youth

How can you encourage your fellow believers this week to withstand the schemes of the devil?

Adults

Through Christ's death and resurrection, you have victory over sin. You only need to appropriate it by putting on God's armor. What keeps you from putting it on?

Community

What are some examples of spiritual warfare you experience on a daily basis, whether at home, at work, or elsewhere?

World

The days we're in are evil. What are some ways it tries to influence you and how do you counter it?

PRAYER ITEM

Praise God for being victorious over the forces of Satan and granting us victory as well. Pray for one another that you put on the armor of God so that your lives reflect Christ's victory over sin and death. Pray for the church and the leaders Christ has appointed on them, that they may stand fully armed with God's armor.



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