

Week Thirteen April 12 6:10-24 Chris

Discussion Questions

1. Read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud. Use different translations. Stop and ask God to open His word to your understanding and to change you this week.
2. What NT passage from the life of Jesus serves as the backdrop for this passage? What evidence does Paul show that he's familiar with this event?
3. What are some common "schemes of the devil" (vs. 11) that Paul is likely thinking about here?
4. What command or phrase is repeated in this passage and what does this tell you about "spiritual warfare"?
5. List out all the specific pieces of armor Paul mentions in vv. 14-17 and what they signify in the life of the believer (in other words, how do they help the believer resist the enemy and stand firm)? As you define these, keep in mind which section of Ephesians we are in.
6. Is the helmet of salvation justification salvation or glorification salvation? Check your answer against I Thess. 5:1-11. Now that you have the correct answer, why would Paul include this in a passage involving "spiritual war"? Why do you think this is the helmet?
7. Is any of the armor offensive? If so, how is this piece to be employed?
8. How does all prayer (vv.18-20) compliment vv. 10-17?
9. How can you put v.18 into practice this week? What daily changes are needed to do so?
10. Write down one distinct way you can apply this passage to your life this week.
11. Write out a substantial and meaningful prayer to God based on what you have learned from this passage. Be ready to share this in your group time with your brothers: