

Title: Open Our Eyes  
Text: Ephesians 6:10-22  
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**BIG IDEA:** In order to most fully manifest the wisdom, glory and love of God in our lives and in our church, we must make use of the mighty power God provides for us. Our motivation for making use of God's armor is our overwhelming conviction that we are at war.

- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Shoes of peace
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Prayer

## Life Group Questions June 14, 2020

*Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the text from Sunday, as well as preparing for discussion in your Life Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.*

**Starter question:** Have you ever been really angry at someone or angry about something but then later wondered why you were so mad? Describe that time.

### Discussion Questions:

1. We have finished Ephesians. What part of Ephesians has stood out to you? Explain.
2. Why does Paul choose to end his letter with the description of the armor of God?
3. In v.10-12, what does Paul mean that *“our struggle is not against flesh and blood”*?
4. In v.13-14, what does it mean and what would it look like for you to stand firm and not fight?
5. Which of the pieces of armor stood out to you or which ones do you still feel like you are looking for clarity on what Paul intends for each piece?

### Application Questions:

1. Share about a time in your life where you felt that there was a force working against you. Explain.
2. Where or what spiritual battles are you fighting? How are you currently battling these struggles? Continue to prayer below.

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In those battles in your life right now, how do you determine if God is asking you to stand and let Him fight? Pray with your Life Group for direction, clarity or action in that situation.

### Discussion Questions for Families:

- What physical battles have you seen around you? (Fights at the park, arguments between your siblings, things in the news?)
- Temptation is one strategy the devil uses to engage in the spiritual battle against our hearts and minds. Have you ever been tempted?
- What stood out to you as you read what Paul says in Ephesians about the armor of God?
- Were you surprised by anything? Is there one piece of armor that really sticks out because it is interesting or unexpected?
- How can you wake up each morning and intentionally “put on” the armor of God?
- How does the knowledge of having the armor of God protecting us help us engage in culture?
- Knowing that the battle is not against flesh and blood but is spiritual, how does that change the way we act when we disagree with someone or have a difference in opinion?