

FOOD TIME: (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

MEETING TIME: (45 minutes)

We have such a powerful passage this week as we look at the armor of God and how we can stand true in the absolute truth of the Word of God through the power of the Spirit. As we go through the passage and through discussions this week, think about how you walk in the confidence that Paul calls for us to walk in.

READ Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints- **19** and for me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

FACILITATE Discussion Questions

1. What does Paul mean in saying that we wrestle against principalities and powers?
2. How can we stand against those principalities and powers in today's day and age?
3. What does the power of prayer mean to you?
4. Why is it important to speak boldly the mystery of the gospel?
5. How can you challenge yourself to be more bold in everyday situations?

PRAY- Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

APPLICATION- The only way that we can walk boldly is if we walk with the equipping of the Spirit. We are blessed to be able to have these amazing gifts to use in that walk, and part of where we can take the application this week is to challenge ourselves to not be afraid when the situation arises to speak the boldness in the name of Christ. Instead of thinking that someone else will do it, or assuming that it has already been done, take the time to speak and act as an ambassador in Christ. Secondly, take the time to pray for the mystery of the gospel to not just be heard by people, but to also let it sink into the hearts of people. If we live out this armor in everything we do, we are submitting to the authority of the Lord and letting the Spirit work in everything that we do.