

# Truth and Culture

## Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:10-12

### MAIN IDEAS

- Be strong in the Lord
- Put on the armor of God to protect yourself from the devil
- Our enemy is spiritual, not “flesh and blood”

Read Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians in chapter 3, verses 14-19. How does the teaching in Ephesians 6:10-12 line up with that prayer? What are the common points?

Contrast the two enemies, God and the devil, in these verses. How are they different and why should we care?

How does Job 1:6-12 help us understand the relative strength of God and the devil?

### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is the greatest spiritual struggle in your life? Make a three-step plan to win using the information in these verses: Genesis 4:6-7, Psalm 119:10-11, and Ephesians 6:10-12.

Take note of the “difficult” people in your life and remember that your struggle is not against flesh and blood. Take the time to pray for them.

Devote your quiet times this week to praying against the devil in your life and identifying opportunities for spiritual growth.

### GROUP RESPONSE

Read how Paul describes the ultimate defeat of the principalities and powers (1 Corinthians 15:20-24). How can we as a church join forces with God toward this goal?

Ask the members of your group how they guard against the devil and how they can “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”

## REPRODUCE

Commit yourself to pray this week for one lost person in your life. Pray against the devil’s schemes to keep them from accepting Jesus. Pray also, as Paul did, that you may declare the gospel boldly as you ought (Ephesians 6:18-20).

Pray for all of the lost people in your life, that through your words and actions, you might be the love of Jesus to them.

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Ephesians 6:10-12

Additional verses from the study

- Ephesians 3:14-19
- Job 1:6-12
- Genesis 4:6-7
- Psalm 119:10-11
- Ephesians 6:10-12
- Ephesians 6:18-20
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-24