



The Big Picture

Throughout Ephesians, Paul celebrates the incredible privileges we have in Christ and calls us to live in a way that fits those blessings. As the letter closes, he shifts the tone from an ideal vision to a sober reality: following Jesus happens amid spiritual opposition. Ephesians ends not with comfort, but with a call to awareness, dependence, and action. Paul reminds us that Christ-like living does not happen effortlessly. It requires strength rooted in God's power. This passage invites us to open our eyes to reality, open our hearts to the gospel, and pray as our lives depend on it.

- What's one word that describes how you have engaged Ephesians differently in this series?
- Read Ephesians 6:10–17. According to verses 10–13, what kind of struggle are believers actually facing? How does this challenge the way we usually explain conflict, frustration, or opposition in our lives?
- As a group, name the different pieces of the armor of God (vv. 14–17). What do they all have in common, and how do they connect to the gospel rather than personal effort?
- Read Ephesians 6:18–20. Why do you think prayer comes after the description of the armor? What does Paul's request for prayer in verses 19–20 reveal about dependence, fear, and courage in ministry?
- Look at Ephesians 1:3–14. Ephesians 6:10 calls believers to be strong "in the Lord and in his mighty power." As you look back at Ephesians 1:3–14, what spiritual blessings and resources has God already given us in Christ that make this strength possible?
- Where are you most tempted to see your struggles as "flesh and blood" rather than part of a larger spiritual reality? How might that change the way you respond this week?
- Which aspect of the armor of God do you most often neglect or forget to "put on," and what would it look like to intentionally appropriate that gospel truth daily?
- What area of your life do you need to pray like your life depends on it?

Praying together

Pray for each other about what you answered in the last question. Commit to follow up with each other in prayer.

