



We learned last week that we have a battle to fight. However, we also know that God equips us with all we need to effectively stand our ground. Let's take a deeper dive into the different tools God provides us.

### **Read *Ephesians 6:10-17***

Paul tells us to put on the full armor of God so that we can stand our ground in battle against the dark forces that are at work against us. Last week Joel shared with us about the dark systems of spiritual authority that the enemy has in place to bring destruction and pain to humanity. Often, the lies of the enemy, introduced as many types of ideas, is where this type of destruction and spiritual warfare begins.

Where is this battle being fought? What is your personal battleground?

What are some of the dangers of going into battle with only certain parts of God's armor, but not the full equipment? What parts of the armor are you more familiar with?

Can you recall a time when you've tried to stand in your own power and abilities during a spiritual attack? What was the outcome? Share your thoughts with others if you feel comfortable.

Using any weapon well takes training to learn it, and time to practice. What are some ways you can become more comfortable handling the Sword of the Spirit? Where do you need more training?

**Read Romans 5:2; 1 Corinthians 15:1; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 4:12 (divide these up if you're in a group)**

How do these encouragements from Scripture help give us a fuller understanding of what it looks like to stand?

How do these gifts/disciplines work in tandem with, and mutually support, the full armor God provides?

### **Prayer**

*Father, thank you for providing everything we need to protect and guard our faith and our hearts, and to stand firm in any attack. We know that the battle has already been won and we can confidently stand in the finished work of Jesus. Help us to always be ready, yet fully aware that our victory is only found in you.*