

# EPHESIANS

WHO I AM AND WHY IT MATTERS

Today is our final study in the book of Ephesians. Over the past few months, we've focused on our identity in Christ (who we are and why it matters). When you trusted Christ for salvation, your life was changed and set on a new course. According to the book of Ephesians, Jesus makes a difference in how we speak, forgive, treat others, use our time, view marriage, parenting, etc. Today, in the final verses of this remarkable book, we learn how to stand firm in our battle against Satan and his schemes as we pursue God's will for our lives.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most?

## Read Ephesians 6:10-12

2. Truth is becoming increasingly hard to find today; the slow fade to falsehood tempts us all (Ephesians 5:15-16). What can this slow fade look like in our lives? Why does it happen? Why do we quickly lose sight of the fact that we have a real spiritual enemy?
3. The big idea of these final verses in Ephesians is for Christians to stand firm in the strength of the Lord. How does Paul describe the work of our enemy in these verses? What are the implications of the repeated call to stand firm (v. 11, 13, 14)?

## Read Ephesians 6:13-17

4. What correlation is to be made between the commands "stand your ground," "be strong in the Lord," and "put on every piece of God's armor" so we can resist the enemy? Discuss the role of intentionality.
5. Discuss each piece of God's armor. What are they? Why do we need them? What does it look like to put them on each day?

## Read Ephesians 6:18-24

6. In addition to putting on every piece of God's armor, Paul implores us to pray. What does Paul say about prayer in these final verses? What keeps us from prayer? How can we grow in prayer? What can we learn from Paul regarding vulnerability and prayer? Do you hesitate to ask for prayer? Why?
7. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on applying in your life this week?