

TLC Home Group Expectations

- **Please start and end on time.** If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
 - **Allow silence.** Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
 - **When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him.** Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).
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THE APPROPRIATE ARMOR FOR THE BATTLE
Ephesians 6:10-17

Have you ever used the wrong methods to try to fix/accomplish something?

Paul writes in verse 12 to make sure the Ephesians are clear on who the enemy is (and who the enemy is *not*)...

- How easily do you **lose focus** of who the enemy is? Where do you tend to wrongly focus your "enemy-lens"?
 - How does this **negatively** impact what your gut-reaction "remedies" are to temptations, lies, anxieties, etc.?
- All of the things listed in verse 12 are things that Jesus is seated over in chapter 1:19-21...how could this reality impact your life **positively**?

The armor pieces listed by Paul are: truth, righteousness, readiness (to share the Gospel with others), faith, salvation, and the word of God...

- **Encourage each other:** Of these things listed, which of them do you see the other people in your home group carrying with them?
- In Isaiah 11:5 and 59:17, God Himself puts a few of these armor pieces on. What implications does that have for our past, present, and future?

In order to stand firm, there is a two-part application from Paul:

- 1) Recognize and receive Jesus' gift on our behalf in all of these areas, and
- 2) Actively use/cultivate them ourselves...

- Which of these armor pieces (truth, righteousness, readiness to share the Gospel, faith, salvation, and the Word of God) have you *received* the most of? Which do you specifically want more of?
- We all have specific struggles with belief and sin. What's your experience with **intentionally carrying** applicable truths or taking appropriate actions to combat these?

Pray for more of each of these pieces so that we can stand together for God and each other and against the enemy.