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Spiritual Warfare, Pt. 1

Ephesians 6:10-17

For the Christ follower, spiritual warfare is less about playing offense and aggressively taking ground and is much more about collaborating with the Spirit to be able to _____ even in the face of the enemy's attacks.

Discussion 1. When you think of collaborating with the Spirit in spiritual warfare so that you can “stand your ground” in the face of spiritual attacks, what, exactly, do you see your part of that collaboration being (as opposed to the Spirit’s part)? What does it look like practically?

Relationships are difficult and often messy, even among Christ followers. But, in our lives together as Christians, our enemy is never the other Christian with whom we disagree; rather, our enemy is _____ in nature and the way forward is therefore spiritual as well.

Discussion 2. If the way forward through a difficult relationship with another Christian is spiritual, then what does that mean? What are some examples of the kinds of “spiritual” solutions we should be seeking?

As Christ followers, our protection against spiritual attacks includes our commitment to _____, our reliance on Christ’s righteousness (rather than our own) and our active _____ with the gospel.

Discussion 3. How would you assess your own “gospel readiness”? Are there particular spiritual disciplines which help you in terms of your “readiness” with the gospel message?

The armor that protects us against spiritual attacks: (1) the helmet of salvation for what we already understand of the gospel, (2) _____ for what we don’t yet understand, and (3) _____, for what we will never understand on this side of eternity.

Discussion 4. In terms of spiritual attacks, why do we need protection of BOTH the things we already understand AND the things we do not yet understand? Of all the pieces of the armor of God, which one feels the most important to you personally? Why?