

Small Group Guide: Ephesians 6.10-24

Start Talking...

1. How real do you think the evil powers of the spiritual realm [described in Ephesians] actually are today? In other words, does this just reflect an outdated, antiquated worldview of a 1st century audience or is it relevant for us today? If so, how is it relevant? If it's relevant, do you see any dangers in ignoring or denying it?

Reflect Back...

2. What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon, in your opinion?

3. What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)? [Note: also use this space to record your questions from the sermon]

Into the Bible...

4. Eph 6.10 begins with the exhortation to “be strong in the Lord [i.e., Jesus] and in his mighty power”. This section is clearly linked to Paul’s earlier discussions of “power” [*the Greek root for this word, dynamai, is also used to say “can”, or “be able to”, or “have the strength [power] to”*]. See the examples in 3.4 and also in our section, 6.11, 13, 16]. Go back through Ephesians and look at Paul’s references to “power” (1.19, 21; 3.7, 16, 20). Now summarize what Paul understands this “mighty power” to be, that we’re to summon in order to be strong in Eph 6.10.

5. Eph 6.10-20 is linked linguistically and thematically to the rest of Ephesians in many, many ways (other than just “power”, above). That is, it’s developing the thought of Ephesians in many ways, and the numerous links make that abundantly clear. In the following chart, make the connections between our passage and the rest of the letter. *Note: this may take some time and effort, so be patient and get ready to think! Look for what these verses have in common and jot down your answers.*

Eph 6.10-20	Rest of Eph	Theme
6.10	1.19; 3.16	
6.11; 14	4.24	
6.11	4.14	
6.11, 12, 14	1.21; 2.2; 3.10	
6.12	5.8-14	
6.12	2.2	
6.13	5.16	
6.14	1.13; 4.21, 24, 25; 5.9	
6.14	4.24; 5.9	
6.15, 19	1.13; 2.17; 3.6, 8	
6.15	2.14-18	
6.16	1.15; 2.8; 3.17; 4.5, 13	
6.17	1.13; 2.5, 8	
6.17, 18	1.13, 17; 2.18, 22; 3.5	
6.18	1.16	
6.18	1.1, 4, 15, 18; 2.19; 3.8, 18	
6.19	1.9; 3.3, 4, 9; 5.32	
6.19, 20	3.7-8	
6.20	3.1, 13	

6. Sum up the concluding section of Ephesians (6.10-20) **in no more than 3 sentences**, and try to incorporate some of the most important of the theme connections from the previous chart. In other words, in light of all of those connections, put Eph 6.10-20 in your own words as it matters today.

The Take Away(s)...

7. What now? Now that we're done with Ephesians, what do we need to do in order to grow and change? In other words, what has our time in Ephesians surfaced in your life that you need to address? *What are three big "takeaways" from our time in Ephesians for you, and what do you plan on doing about them?* Note: this might take some time and some prayer-filled reflection, but **make sure you complete this part of the study guide! It's the part that matters most!**
 - a. One:
 - Takeaway:

 - Action to take:

 - b. Two:
 - Takeaway:

 - Action to take:

 - c. Three:
 - Takeaway:

 - Action to take: