

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 1, 2017

Passage: Ephesians 6:23-24

Memory Passage: Ephesians 6:23-24 (Review 1:1-6:22)

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Eph. 6:23-24.** Why does Paul say “to the brothers” instead of “to you” as he asks for peace?
- (b) What does Paul mean by “love with faith?” Is there a difference between “love” and “love with faith?”
- (c) How is our love for Christ “incorruptible?” Can we lose God’s grace if our love falls short of this? Explain.
- (d) On a separate piece of paper write each of Paul’s requests (prayer, peace, love, faith, & grace) and be ready to interact with each of these concepts during your study this week as you review Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. This will help you understand why Paul prays for these particular blessings to be given to the Ephesians. I included prayer because Paul pronounces a benediction on the Ephesians in vs. 23-24, which is a prayer for blessings.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Eph. 1.** What do you learn about prayer, peace, love, faith, and grace in chapter 1?
- (b) What concepts did you learn new, learn better, and/or find most important as a result of our study of chapter 1?
- (c) What applications from this chapter have helped you the most? What applications have you neglected, or that you have been shown today, that you should begin putting into practice?
- (d) What questions do you have from chapter 1 that are still unanswered? Ask these questions in your SS class!

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Eph. 2-3.** What do you learn about prayer, peace, love, faith, and grace in chapters 2 & 3?
- (b) What concepts did you learn new, learn better, and/or find most important as a result of our study of chapters 2 & 3?
- (c) What applications from these chapters have helped you the most? What applications have you neglected, or that you have been shown today, that you should begin putting into practice?
- (d) What questions do you have from chapters 2 & 3 that are still unanswered? Ask these questions in your SS class!

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Eph. 4:1-5:21.** What do you learn about prayer, peace, love, faith, and grace in 4:1-5:21?
- (b) What concepts did you learn new, learn better, and/or find most important as a result of our study of 4:1-5:21?
- (c) What applications from 4:1-5:21 have helped you the most? What applications have you neglected, or that you have been shown today, that you should begin putting into practice?
- (d) What questions do you have from 4:1-5:21 that are still unanswered? Ask these questions in your SS class!

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Eph. 5:22-6:24.** What do you learn about prayer, peace, love, faith, and grace in 5:22-6:24?
- (b) What concepts did you learn new, learn better, and/or find most important as a result of our study of 5:22-6:24?
- (c) What applications from 4:1-5:22 have helped you the most? What applications have you neglected, or that you have been shown today, that you should begin putting into practice?
- (d) What questions do you have from 5:22-6:24 that are still unanswered? Ask these questions in your SS class!

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Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

In Ephesians 6:10-24 Paul closes his letter by equipping God's people to enter into spiritual warfare by addressing 6 key elements of the believer's spiritual battle.

- I. The resource of the battle is God's might.
 - A. Be strong from a position of strength (v. 10a).
 - B. Be strong in the source of strength (v. 10b).
 - C. Be strong with the armor of strength (v. 11a).
- II. The purpose of the battle is to stand against Satan's schemes (v. 11b).
- III. The opponents in the battle are Satan and His agents (v. 12).
- IV. The result of the battle is victory.
 - A. Resisting (v. 13a, b).
 - B. Standing firm (v. 13c, d).
- V. The apparel for the battle is God's armor.
 - A. Belt of truth (v. 14a).
 - B. Breastplate of righteousness (v. 14b).
 - C. Shoes of readiness given by the gospel of peace (v. 15).
 - D. Shield of faith (v. 16).
 - E. Helmet of salvation (v. 17a).
 - F. Sword of the Spirit (v. 17b).
- VI. The front-line offensive in the battle is prayer.
 - A. Prayer which is to be all-encompassing.
 - 1. In all times (v. 18a).
 - 2. Of all types (v. 18b).
 - 3. With all perseverance (v. 18c).
 - 4. For all believers (v. 18d).
 - B. Prayer which is to be specific (vs. 19-20).
 - C. Prayer which may be answered through you (vs. 21-22).

D. Prayer as benediction (vs. 23-24).
