

EPHESIANS

The Shield of Faith

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:16

Our shield

Satan's fiery arrows

Our faith (v 16)

(Rom 10:17)

Prayer for Lifting up the Shield of Faith

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me, as your child, the shield of faith. I count on Your presence to surround me like a cone of protection.

Lord, I commit to walking in the Spirit that I might grow in my faith and do my part to mature.

So, in Jesus' name, I lift the shield of faith against the arrows of the enemy. Enable me to concentrate on your presence and not on the enemy's arrows.

I rejoice with You, Lord Jesus, in Your victory and look forward to being with You where the arrows will cease.

In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 6:16



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do you think about ‘our part’ in spiritual warfare and putting on the armour of God? For which part do you struggle taking responsibility?
 - b. How are we doing as a small group in calling out and holding each other accountable for doing ‘our part’?
 - c. Based on the message, what are some ‘fiery arrows’ Satan often shoots your way? Or, which ones do you observe him shooting at someone else in the group?
 - d. What is your practice of putting on the armour? Is this something you do on a regular basis? If not, why? If so, how do you typically do it? How can we as a small group encourage each other to do this regularly?
3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in you?
5. In what areas do you struggle trusting (putting faith in) God? What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
6. What is the most important next step you could take this week to grow in this area? And how will you hold yourself accountable to take this step?

Prayer: Open the sermon resources and take time on your own to pray through the written prayer that Pastor Al included in the notes. Share with the group any experiences you had as you went through this exercise. Pray a blessing on each other and ask the Lord for His presence to surround you like a cone of protection.