

E P H E S I A N S

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

STUDY
NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Final Stand

1 Is there a movie or book or story you can think of where there is some conflict or battle and no matter how much came against the one character or group they just wouldn't go down, they just kept standing. What about that kind of story is inspiring?

2 Read Ephesians 6:10. As you think of some of the challenges of living the new creation in Christ mentioned in Ephesians, which one do you need to be stronger in? (Ephesians has talked about bearing in love, patience, sexual purity, gentleness, humility, no substance abuse, obedience to authorities, watching our words and language, doing life in the church, submission...)

3 What vice have you had for a long time that you are tempted to accept as being part of you and not fighting anymore, or standing firm? Read Ephesians 1:18-19 and 6:10 again. What in these verses gives motivation and confidence to stand again? In Christ you can!

4 Read Ephesians 6:11-12. In what ways are you tempted to make the battle physical and miss the spiritual? What person, or group of people who you believe think wrongly about something are you tempted to make the enemy? Read John 3:17. How might Jesus' interaction with a world who thinks wrong, from this verse, impact how we should respond to others?

5 Read Ephesians 6:13-17. What piece of armor are you needing to put on more regularly because you are most susceptible to attack in that area?

6 Which armor is the only offensive weapon? How is the word of God, here, the gospel, to be used for people not against them, because our battle is not against people? How can the word of God, the gospel, be used against the devil?

7 Read Ephesians 6:18-20. From this verse, prayer seems to be a posture (communion with God) and something we do. How have you experienced prayer in these two ways? How is your prayer posture and prayer life doing? How could it grow?

8 Read Ephesians 6:21-24. As we come to the end of Ephesians, what in this letter will stick with you most, as you live the new creation life in Christ, bringing heaven to earth?

