

# Group Discussion Guide

5.24.20

## *In God's Sight, I am Empowered*

Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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### **OPEN**

- If you were to have a child or get a pet in the next few months, would you be tempted to name them something connected to COVID-19?
- What name would you choose?
- Have you read any of the Frank Peretti books that were popular several years ago? *This Present Darkness Piercing the Darkness*, etc.

### **NEXT**

- Chris talked about part of Ephesians 6:10-20 as sounding odd to our modern ears. What part of the text is confusing or odd to you?
- Where are you on demons, the demonic, spiritual warfare, and all that? Do you think it is overdone, dangerously ignored, or somewhere in-between?

### **CLOSING**

- Paul talks a lot about prayer in verses 18-20. How has prayer been for you over the past two months?
- Have you developed any new prayer habits over the last several weeks?