

# LG | Leader

[Ephesians 6:10-13]

## WARM-UP (5 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- How was your week? How is your walk with the Lord?
- When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what did you learn?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Most Christians are familiar with the armor of God because we are taught as children. When you read it now as an adult, how does it make you feel? Does it feel childish like a kid's story, or does it maintain power and strength in your heart?

[Dialogue]

2. Paul, in the opening verse of our text, urges believers to be strong in the Lord. Where specifically does our strength come from? How do we access this power?  
It comes from the power and authority of Christ through prayer. Prayer is the primary vehicle for God's power in our lives.
3. Paul says that we are to stand. What are we standing against? Is our standing offensive or defensive?  
We stand against the schemes of the devil. Standing is resisting. James says, "Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you" (4:7).
4. When you read verse 12, what do you gather from that verse?  
The magnitude of evil in this world is great. Christians battle with evil that is both seen and unseen. It is vital for Christians to know and understand the tactics of the enemy so that they are prepared when spiritual forces of evil come.
5. If Jesus already defeated the enemy as expressed in Colossians 2:13-15, what are we battling?  
Like a snake that has its head cut off, it still lashes about in attempt cause damage or harm. Likewise, Satan has been defeated ("disarmed and put to shame"), however God still permits that he have limited power in this world so that the children of God may be refined by fire, prepared for good works. (See Luke 22:31-32)
6. What happens if we neglect the armor of God verses spiritual adversaries?

Very simply, we do not have the power in ourselves to overcome evil. It is God's power alone that will save us from spiritual forces of darkness. To think otherwise is foolish.

7. Do you know that you are being hunted by spiritual adversaries? Do you know who is hunting you? Do you fear what is hunting you?

“Be watchful. The devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Paul is communicating to believers a warning to maintain a healthy respect for that which desires to destroy you. Be prepared. Do not be foolish. Trust what Paul is telling you and do not overestimate yourself; put on the armor of God.

### **PRAY (10 mins)**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**

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