



THE INVISIBLE WAR

- The Armor - Part 1 -

There's an invisible, unseen world that impacts our visible, seen world.

Ice-Breakers:

- Did you ever leave home minus a significant piece of clothing? Briefly share any humorous misadventures you recall.

Discussion:

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-13

- Can you identify the devil's schemes in your life? If so, how can you stand against him?

2. Read Ephesians 6:14

The belt of truth - knowing THE TRUTH and living WITH INTEGRITY

- A weightlifter uses a belt to keep his or her back straight and stable. How does putting on the belt of truth keep you thinking straight?
- Why is it important for believers to have integrity?

3. Read Ephesians 6:14b

The breastplate of righteousness - knowing CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN US and living in PURITY

- What is purity? Can we keep our motives clean by self-effort alone? Why or why not?

4. Read Ephesians 6:15; Romans 12:18; II Corinthians 5:19-20

The shoes - knowing the PEACE that comes from the good news and living in PEACE.

- There are 3 aspects of peace: peace with God, peace with ourselves, and peace with everyone else. How would *not* being at peace in even one of these areas make us vulnerable to Satan?

Application:

- We put on these pieces of armor through prayer. Last week we said to begin praying 'Lord, keep the enemy and his lies far from me. And help me to recognize his lies when they pop into my mind.'
Add to this prayer the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness and the shoes of peace.