Bible Study Packet Ephesians 6:10-20



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Spiritual Warfare

1.	Paul said that our fight is not against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places (verse 12). What goal was Paul
	trying to teach? (Compare 3:8-10 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

2. What do you think it means to "be strong in the Lord and his mighty power" (verse 10)?

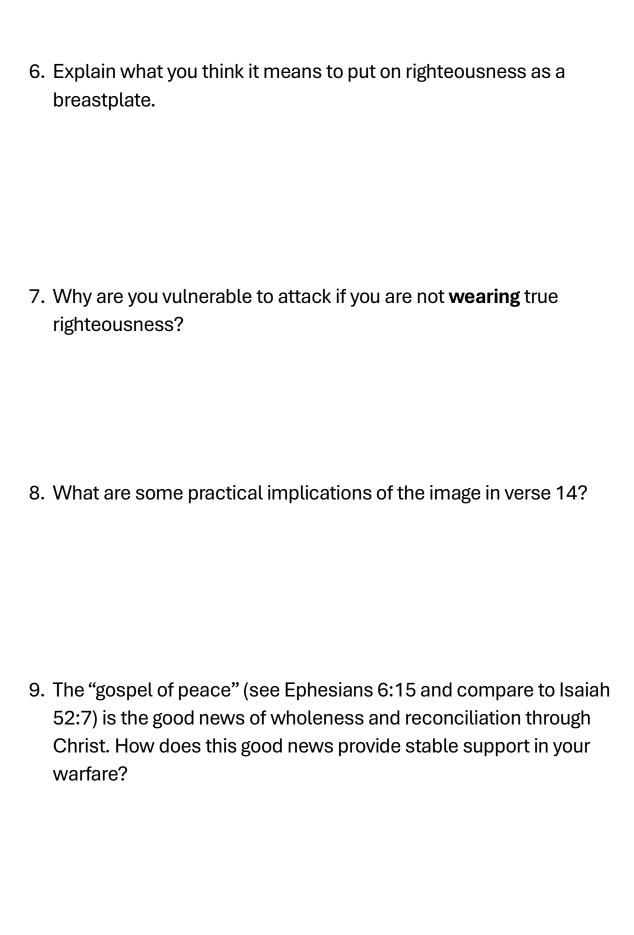
3. What is Paul's counsel in verse 11 (also in verse 13) for engaging in the fight in verse 12?

It is not possible to "resist the enemy" without the whole armor of God (verse 13). Consider the use of each of the pieces of armor Paul described.

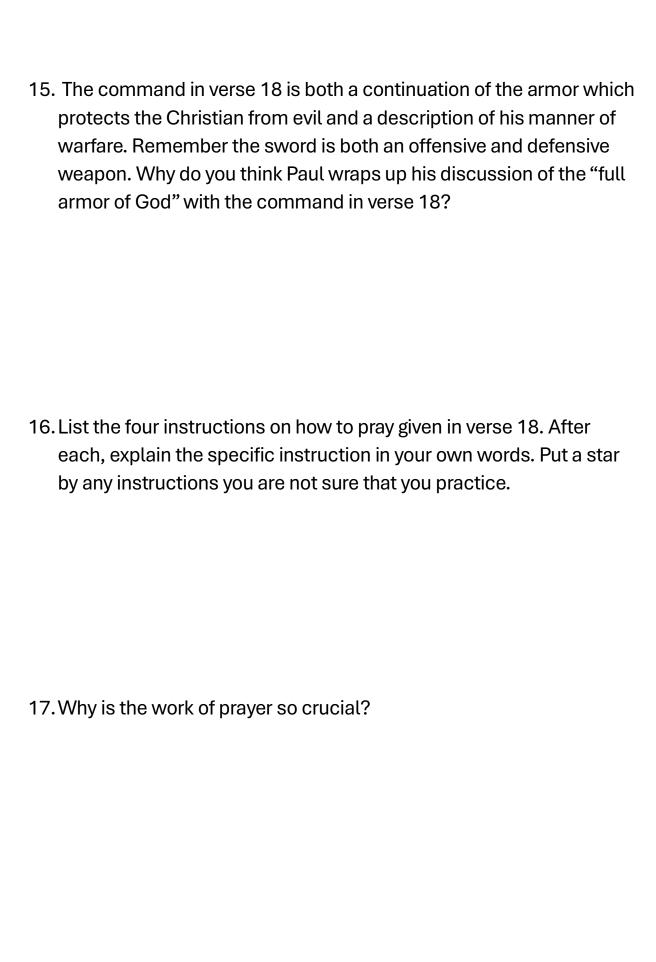
4. Putting on the belt of truth (verse 14) is literally "having girded your loins with truth" (NASB). A man tucked his garment into his belt when he needed his legs free for battle. What do you think it means to gird your loins with truth?

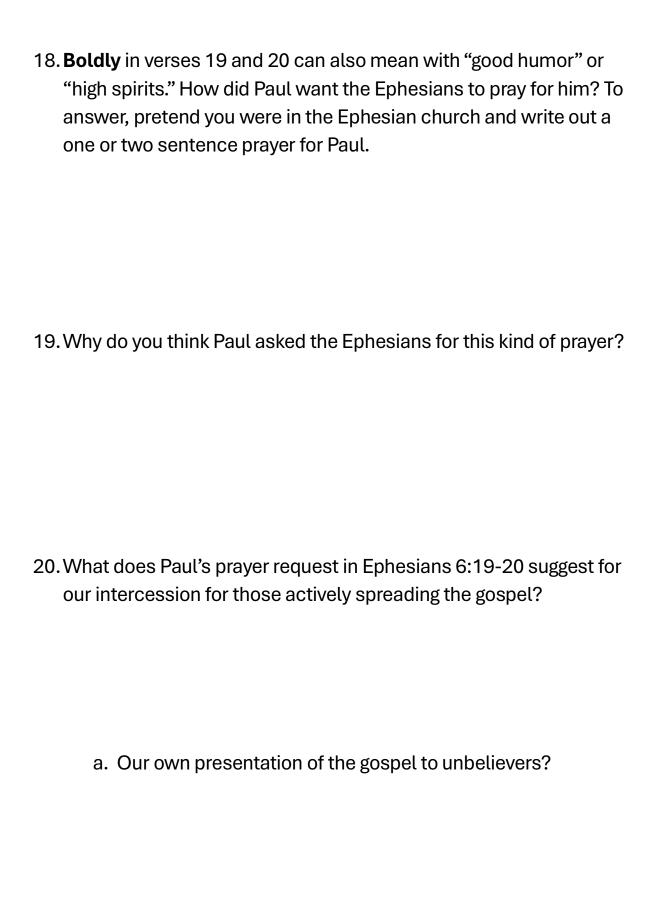
5. Why is this piece of preparation important in resisting evil?

Righteousness (verse 14) Truth, righteousness, faith, and so on are the gifts that God promised in His covenant and the signs of His Kingdom (see Isaiah 59:15-21, especially verse 17). So, "righteousness" is the righteousness of God, the salvation and judgement to be fully manifest when the Messiah returns. Also, in the Old Testament, the one **who puts on** righteousness accepts the high calling of a righteous judge, that is the responsibility to see justice done on earth.



10. What do you think "faith" in verse 16 means?
11. Explain what you think "the fiery arrows of the devil" in verse 16 are and how can faith extinguish them?
12. What do you think "the helmet of salvation in verse 17 refers to?
13. How does the helmet of salvation protect you from evil attacks?
14. In what ways is the word of God the "sword of the Spirit" both an offensive and a defensive weapon?





21. State the man point of 6:10-20.
22. How does 6:10-20 relate to Paul's purpose for writing the letter?