

Again, as there is no Prayer Meeting this next month, please let your Small Group Meeting be an evening that engages in an extended time for Prayer

Review [10mins]

Reflect together on your experiences over the last week. What has God been teaching you? Where have you been growing in your walk with Him? Had you set yourself a challenge in your discipleship? How is that going? Share those experiences with your small group.

Read [10mins]

Ephesians 6:10-20

Read the Bible passage for this week, slowly and prayerfully. It might help to use your imagination to picture the scene. Below, you will find helpful background information in our 'Setting the Scene' section.

As you read, look out for *shockers* and *blockers*.

Shockers – a phrase, word, image or something from the text that resonates, stands out or connects with you.

Blockers – something from the text that raises questions for you.

Setting the scene:

- In this passage the Apostle Paul implores Christians to be strong in the Lord against the spiritual forces of evil.
- Paul lists the armour, which they are to clothe themselves with, in order to stand firm

- These are Paul's final words to the Church in Ephesus. He wants to remind the original readers to persevere in prayer for the sake of the Gospel.

Reflect [10mins]

After you have all had time to read the text, pause and be still to listen to God through the Scriptures.

Begin your reflection time by each naming your *shockers* and *blockers*. Listen carefully to each other, share your thoughts and reflect on this passage together.

Finally – what can you learn from this revelation to help you in your own prayer time?

Group Prayer [30mins]

As a group, use the passage to pray

- For situations around the world
- For the church worldwide and for Christ Church in this new phase of its life
- For one another and any needs or concerns shared.
- Each try praying for one person, by name, to come to faith, and that you will be given an opportunity to share the love of Christ.
- Say The Lord's Prayer together to finish