

Union Bethel AME Church (dial-in and Facebook™ Live)
Bible Study Dial-in Number: (425) 436-6260 Access Code; 141997#
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:30-8:30 PM

Ephesians 6:10-20



These “Whole Armor of God” scripture verses are widely quoted and serve as a sermon topic frequently. In the next 6 weeks we will cover the Whole Armor of God and dive into the work of evangelism. We will use the Bible and 2 books *Tell Someone*¹ and *Becoming a Disciple-Maker*². I encourage you to purchase copies of these books to follow along with this series.

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. (March 3)

14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. (March 10)

15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. (March 17)

¹ Greg Laurie, *Tell Someone: You Can Share The Good News* (Nashville: Lifeway Press, 2016).

² Hanks Jr., Billie and Randy Craig, *Becoming a Disciple-Maker* (Salado: International Evangelism Association, 2013).

16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (March 24)

17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (March 31)

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. (April 7)

19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak

Ephesians 6:14

Truth has to be a cornerstone for Christian living. There are no alternate facts and no misunderstandings of the truth. There really are no grey areas.

In the late 1960s/early 1970s there was a song with the title, “Slipping Into Darkness” that seems relevant for today. How does abusing the truth lead to darkness? Why is truth absolutely necessary in a fight?

Week 2

Excerpted from Tell Someone: You Can Share the Good News

Where are places that we can share the Gospel?

What is a good time to share the gospel?

Think of where you regularly go and who you regularly see. When is the best time to have a deep conversation with the people you see all of the time?

1. What works best for you and them (morning, noon, night)
 2. Do you understand their mood swings and habits?
 3. Is the best time when the person is facing a difficulty?
 4. Is the best time when all is right with the person?
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Excerpted from Becoming A Disciple-Maker

Everyone who is new needs personal care. Even new people on the job need someone to train them. We cannot offer Christ and leave people to figure it out on their own. This is a process. It takes time to reach maturity.

For our overflow to be effective we must have and share spiritual hunger. We must be like sponges and become soaked with the Holy Spirit. As we grow spiritually, God can use us more to witness to the unsaved. Spiritual maturity requires several steps:

1. Offer to pray with someone who is new to Christ or who has not accepted Christ. If they say no thank you, tell them you will pray anyway.

A disciple knows the playbook. Someone who joins the church might just be coming to be a spectator. New converts need a role to play within the church as they are learning about Jesus.

2. What do you do best that you can teach to someone else to help them find a role in the church?