



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## The Gift of Strength

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### "Live the Gift" Series: Week 8

#### Lean In

- What were some of your favorite dress-up costumes as kids/or adults? What are some of your kids' favorites?
- Do you enjoy superhero or war movies/books/shows? Why or why not?

#### Look Around

- Do you view our world/life as more of a battleground or a playground? Why?
- What do you think others in your life (family, friends, coworkers, classmates, etc.) would say to that question? Why?

#### Look Down and In

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 together

#### The Battle Section

- How does it make you feel to know there is a constant spiritual war being waged around you? How have you seen the devil scheming in your own life and the lives of others?
- The word STAND is used four times in these opening verses. Why is this significant? Reflect on what you can remember Wes teaching on from Sunday.

#### The Armor Section

- What's the significance of the armor being God's not yours?
  - How have you needed to depend on God's strength (past, present, or will need it in the future)?
- If you compared your spiritual armor list, where are you strong and where are you weak?
  - Do you PUT ON the full armor daily? What would it look like for you to PUT ON the armor of God with consistency on ALL occasions?
- Write down some of the flaming arrows that the evil one is shooting at you.
  - How does my faith and salvation distinguish those arrows?
  - How does my faith and salvation give me hope amidst these battles? What can I be hopeful in right now?
- How well do you wield the sword? What strategies could you equip our group with (ie. things that work for you in wielding the sword of the spirit)?
  - Do you know your bible? Are you acquainted with it or is collecting dust on your nightstand or bookshelf?
  - Do you study it frequently? Highlighting, writing down, putting into practice its words, other?
  - Do you have it memorized? What helps you memorize it?
  - Do you let its words penetrate the attitudes of your heart?

#### The Fuel Section

- Is prayer an afterthought or a primary source of strength for you?

#### **Look Beyond**

Search armor of God using your phones. Share with each other each of the verses in the bible relating to our armor.

- Who do you know that could use the armor of God in their life? How can you share with them how God has been your source of strength?
  - If practical, take the step now by texting/calling that person.