Ephesians 6:16—20 | The Armour of God pt. 2 Study Questions* from 05.01.2020 sermon

Introduction: Our fight

- i. Read v10—12. The unbelief, sin and confusion of the people we witness to and serve is massively caused by 'spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms'. How does this change the way we witness and serve?
- ii. Read v13. Once again (see also v11) Paul insists that we stand our ground. What might 'the day of evil' be? Why do we need God's armour for such a day?

The shield of faith

iii. Read v16. If 'the shield of faith' is the answer to the flaming arrows of the evil one, then what does that tell us about the attacks of the evil one? Can we think of how the evil one used this strategy in other parts of the Bible? Have we experienced this in our own lives?

The helmet of salvation

- iv. Read v17. If it is most important to protect our head, then what do we learn about this helmet?
- v. What is the helmet of salvation and how does it give us protection and confidence?

The sword of the Spirit

- vi. Read v17. The only offensive weapon Paul mentions belongs to the Spirit. What does this tell us about the way we use the Word of God?
- vii. The Greek word Paul used for 'word' in v17 is not the more common 'logos' but the less common 'rhema' which emphasises the word spoken or proclaimed. Discuss the implications of this in the way we use God's word.

* Taken/adapted from 'Book by book' study questions