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Community Group Material:

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Bible Reading: Ephesians 6:11~14 & Isaiah 59:1~17

Sermon Summary:

God gives us his battle worn and battle tested armor to stand in the evil day. Each piece of his armor is one of his attributes that we stand and resist in. Without these attributes we will be tossed around by the devil and his schemes. So what kind righteousness are we called to `take up`? It isn't our self-righteousness (Phil. 3:9a) because we know that that is like a stinking rag to God (Isa. 64:6). It's also not merely God's imputed righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21). While that is important, it can't be that alone. It must also be practical or ethical righteousness lived out of us (Eph. 5:8b~9).

God asks those who follow Jesus to stand against the devil's schemes by taking up his armor. He gives us this responsibility to finish the job that he started. Whether it be at home, at work, at the mall, we need to be properly armed in righteousness each and every day.

Discussion:

1. Why have you found that self-righteousness is no defense against Satan`s attacks?
2. How would you explain 2 Cor. 5:21 to a non-Christian friend? How is imputed righteousness a critical part of our stand against the devil`s attacks?
3. Klyne Snodgrass says, *“To put on the breastplate of righteousness means that Christians are to **reflect the righteous character of God in their actions.**”* How do you find that living righteously helps you in your daily walk?
4. In Isaiah 59, God has `no man` to be the solution for the unrighteous situation on earth. For that reason, he himself had to come. Now that Christ has come and created the new humanity (Eph. 2:15), is it still true that God still has `no man`? If not, what is God asking followers of Jesus to do?
5. What does living righteously look like for you as you stand on God`s righteousness and also live it out?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for a lived out righteousness among us that would enable us to stand.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.