1. The Church as a Unified Army
   a) Ephesians 6:10-20 Is this admonition from the Apostle Paul addressed to individual Christians or the church community as a whole?
   b) Where have you noticed Satan and the kingdom of darkness intensifying their attacks against followers of Jesus, both individually and as a church body?
   c) Many non-Christians and even some Christians do not believe that Satan and his host of evil angels exist. Why is this such a dangerous deception?
   d) How can we help people to see the reality of the great controversy between good and evil?

2. Protective armor
   a) Ephesians 6:11,13 What key action verbs are found in these verses?
   b) Ephesians 6:14a Why is it vitally important to put on the belt of truth? (See also 1 Peter 1:13)
   c) Compare Ephesians 6:14b and 1Thessalonians 5:8. How does righteousness, faith, and love protect us?
   d) Ephesians 6:13,15 Why is protection for our feet part of the armor of God? (See also Isaiah 52:7)
   e) Why is a word of peace so needed in this great battle against the kingdom of darkness? John 14:27
   f) Ephesians 6:16 What important insights are found in Paul’s description of the shield of faith?
   g) Ephesians 6:17a How does our acceptance of the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord protect our minds when engaged in fierce conflict with the enemy?

3. Offensive weapons
   a) Ephesians 6:17b What is one of the two important offensive weapons in our battle against the powers of darkness?
   b) Where do you see Jesus using the sword of the Spirit during His earthly ministry? Matthew 4:1-10, etc.
   c) What specific promises in the Word of God have helped you in your battle against the kingdom of darkness?
   d) Ephesians 6:18 Why is prayer also an important offensive weapon in our battle against the kingdom of darkness?
   e) Share a Bible story where prayer became an important weapon against the enemy. 2 Chronicles 20:12, Luke 23:46, etc.
   f) Ephesians 6:19-20 Why is it important to pray for our spiritual leaders as we engage together in the great battle against the kingdom of darkness?
   g) What encouragement do you find in Paul’s words to Christians recorded in Romans 8:37-39?