



Discussion Questions

6:1–20

Paul's instructions to fathers (v 4) and masters are very similar (v 9). What do these verses tell us about the authority of people in these positions?

How does this passage revisit Paul's declaration of Christ's authority earlier in the book (1:20–23)?

Are children and servants part of the church community, in Paul's view?

Who is the command to “put on the whole armor of God” (v 11) given to?

Paul is using armor as an interconnected metaphor, but the struggle is very real. Is this an individual instruction, or is it to the church community?

How seriously do you take the supernatural threat that Paul presents in this passage?

The armor presented here can be defensive or offensive, but as you read verse 18–20, what seems to be the purpose Paul has in mind?