



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: MADE TO THRIVE

TITLE: WIN MORE

SCRIPTURE: EPISTLE EPHESIANS 6:10-20

One Thing Follow-up:

We talked about making sure that we are not looking for the next program to be a part of but instead we should GO into the places that God has placed us and BE the church.

Q. How did you show the love of God this past week to someone around you?

Sometimes loving people can be difficult and/or discouraging. We need to remember that Jesus has been patient with us, and this should encourage us to be patient with others.

We are not the end user of these gifts and they are meant to be used to transform us, our families, our communities, our workplaces, and the world.

Opening

In Western society we have become more individualistic and try to handle our struggles and issues by ourselves. How did you handle the last big decision you had to make?

Series Review:

In the Made to Thrive series Steve has been teaching through the book of Ephesians. We have heard the following messages:

1. Less Effort, More Jesus
2. Less Volunteers, More Masterpieces
3. Less Guilt, More Love
4. Less Hierarchy, More Missionaries
5. Less Program, More Missionary

This week we covered Less Strategy, More Surrender.

Ephesians was written Paul in approximately 60 A.D., while he was on house arrest in Rome. This Epistle or letter was written to the church in Ephesus but was meant to be shared with the wider church in southwestern Asia Minor. The main themes of the letter are unity, Christ, Church, and the Trinity.

**Reviewing
the
Message:**

Read Ephesians 6:10-12

We approach our spiritual life and struggles by ourselves. We are ill equipped to handle them and need to turn them over to God.

Q. What do you think about when you read these verses? Why?

Q. How does Satan fool people? How has he fooled you?

We discussed the idea of an Eclipse of God. In other words, what things come between you and God in a way that limits you from seeing him?

Read Ephesians 6:13-17

In these verses Paul prepares the church for our battle with Satan. He reminds us that we can stand and resist evil with God and the full armor that he provides.

Q. This is God's armor, not ours. Why is this so incredibly important to grasp?

Paul provides a list of individual pieces of God's armor

1. Belt of Truth
2. Breastplate of Righteousness
3. Sandals of the Gospel of Peace
4. Shield of Faith
5. Helmet of Salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit (God's Word)

Q. Can you name a time in your life when a specific piece of God's Armor has been particularly important in your life?

Q. Is there a piece(s) that seem missing from your life? Why?

Q. Read Hebrews 4:12. Can you recall a time when God's Word (the Sword of the Spirit) has been particularly active in your life?

Read Ephesians 6:18-20. Here, Paul provides the active agent that binds all the pieces together

Prayer is an act of obedience that aligns our will with the will of God. It prepares us for the struggles of life.

Q. Why do we find prayer difficult?

Q. In what ways have you seen God provide through prayer?



**Living It Out
Application:**

This text reminds us that we are in a spiritual battle and Paul has given us the information we need to be able to not only stand up in this battle, but to WIN this battle.

Share a time when someone demonstrated “goodness, righteousness, and truth” in a way that made a difference in your life.

Q. What is God teaching you through this study?

Q. Can you name one step that you are prepared to take this week in response to God’s leading?

Q. How can this group help prepare you for the battle?

Prayer:

(Consider breaking up into small groups of 3 or 4, as couples, or as just men and just women)

We should pray that as individuals and as the church that we could follow Jesus’ example and show the world that God loves them.

Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?