

Heaven on Earth: We Have a Destination

November 21st & 22nd

Speaker: Dr. Dick Foth **Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-17

Series Overview

Our identity, our authority is anchored in a dimension of reality called heaven. It is the domain of God's dominion — perfect harmony, true identity, full authority. Every blessing is ours in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 1:3). Heaven is invading earth right here, right now. How? With a supernatural demonstration of God's love and power and wisdom. As citizens of heaven, we represent the heavenly realm. The goal? On earth, as it is in heaven.

Series Discussion Questions

How did you witness heaven invading earth this week?

Message Overview

Ephesians 6 is a message that Paul gives the Ephesians to wear the FULL armor of GOD, every piece. From WARRIOR to a WRESTLER, their context was fighting for life or death. Dr. Foth imparts to us the same hope Paul gave back then reminding us to not duck or run away but to STAND firm and FIGHT the good fight. We are not going down no matter the situation because WE HAVE A DESTINATION.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Paul emphasizes the importance of having each piece of the armor of God equipped. How are you evaluating yourself to make sure that you have equipped the full armor of God?

As we read Paul's message discussing the armor of God we see his attentiveness to detail. In what ways has your attention to detail increased during 2020?

Jesus desires to create a community of love and light. He does not want a community to fight over things that will pass, but he wants us to look for the good. Jesus wants us to stand strong, and fight the good fight. How are you standing strong, and fighting the good fight?

Dr. Foth states: Paul emphasizes that truth is the centerpiece in the armor of God. He is also referencing the truth of scripture. **How do you anchor yourself in truth?**

Dr. Foth quoted Timothy Gombis stating: "Our warfare is not against others in our culture. Our warfare is to resist being an unholy community....(we need to) embody God's restoration of the world, anticipating the day when God makes all things new." **How are you working to become a holy community?**

Practical Application

- □ Take some time to reflect on Ephesians 6:10-17. Pray through the armor of God, and apply it to your life every morning this week.
- □ Find a daily rhythm of connecting with God and with one another by committing to <u>NCC Daily</u>, a new five-minute audio podcast to help you walk verse-by-verse through the book of Ephesians. Invite a few others to do so with you, connecting throughout the week via Marco Polo or a group text, or meeting together online in person to discuss and debrief what you're learning.
- □ Climb the stairs to the <u>Upper Zoom</u> each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. Register at <u>ncc.re/UpperZoom</u>.