

## **LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:**

### **DIGGING DEEPER** (cont.)

#### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

This is another often quoted verse. What is the difference between trusting in the Lord and relying on your own understanding? Is this easy or difficult for you? In what circumstances is this difficult?

#### **Philippians 3:4-9**

When you meet someone new, you might be asked to “tell me about yourself.” How do you usually answer? How do these verses challenge the things we usually take pride in?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. This study focused on being ready, being strong, taking a stand-type themes. Do you feel you are prepared to stand firm in faith? What might you do this week to become more prepared?
  
2. Think through your relationships. Is there someone who is doing all they can do in God’s strength to stand up against something, someone, some circumstance? They need your encouragement! Write a note, send a text, have a face-to-face conversation with them that will tell them you’ve noticed their strength and you are praying for them.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018**

**Message:** “Be Ready” / Luke 12:35-40

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Brunott

### **NOTES:**

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### **QUICK REVIEW**

If you were in the services Sunday, you experienced the tornado drill and heard a message on being ready. What will you remember from the morning?

### **MY STORY**

1. Many people report recurring dreams that show a fear of being unprepared: showing up in pajamas; finding out there's a high school class on your schedule that you didn't know about – and it's test day. Do you have such a recurring dream? What is it?
  
2. When was a time you found yourself unprepared for something? How did it go?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Ephesians 6:10-18 lists and describes **the armor of God**.

This passage uses words and phrases like:

- Be strengthened (v. 10)
- Stand or stand against (v. 10 and 14)
- Resist (v. 13)
- Stay alert (v. 18)

What evidence do you find in this passage that shows where the strength and ability to stand comes from?

How does the armor work together? In other words, if you were missing a piece of armor, would that really be such a big deal?

2. Before we can stand firm in the power and confidence that God wants to provide, we must first acknowledge our weaknesses. In order to do this, it may be necessary to admit that our society tells us a lie. We can be fooled into thinking we are strong enough, talented enough, smart enough, to stand firm in our own power. But what does Scripture have to say? Read the following:

### **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

How are these verses counter-intuitive?

### **Philippians 4:12-13**

How have these verses been taken out of context by our society?

What is the real context of Philippians 4:13?