

## Ephesians 6

### Discussion Guide

#### Pre-discussion Question

Is it “false” or “two-faced” to speak only good things of a boss or parent when we’re asked a general question about such authorities? Is there ever an appropriate time to speak negatively about a parent or other authority figure?

#### RSR: Read, Summarize, React

*Read:* Read through the passage silently or together or listen to it.

*Summarize:* Using your own words, summarize the passage. In this passage, what are the *one or two main ideas or goals* Paul is trying to express or accomplish, either directly or through example?

*React:*

**Likes:** Ideas/phrases you particularly like

**Questions:** Ideas/phrases that confuse you or bring up questions

**Connections:** Does this passage remind you of another Bible passage or story or something in the culture or in your own life?

**Applications:** What life principles do you see here? How can you apply this chapter to your own life? How can we apply this chapter to life in the Body of Messiah?

#### Specific Questions

1. Consider Grant’s statement:

**Don’t define yourself by what you do here.**

**Define yourself by who you are to God.**

Describe what it looks like when we live by the first sentence and what it looks like when we live by the second.

Skimming through the previous chapters of Ephesians, call out descriptions of who we are to God, our identity in Him.

2. Paul tells the Ephesians in 6:18 to “be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the holy ones.” Paul says “*all* the saints” here. In reality, how good are we at fulfilling this commandment? In practical ways, how can we do better?