

# BATTLE READY

## Life Groups Discussion Guide June 23, 2019

### **PEACE & GRACE, Ephesians 6:21–24**

#### **CONNECT**

1. Talk about ways you have experienced genuine Christian affection similar to Ephesians 6:21–22. When have you had poor experiences in this regard? How might you embody the affection spoken of in this passage?

#### **CELEBRATE**

2. Explore the concluding comments of the Apostle Paul in some of his other New Testament writings (Romans 16:25–27; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 4:21–23; Colossians 4:18; 2 Timothy 4:22; Titus 3:15). How are these different from what we see in Ephesians 6:23–24?
3. Carefully read Ephesians 6:23–24. The Apostle Paul highlights four vital needs—peace, love, faith and grace. From where do these four gifts to the church come? Why does this matter? Read James 1:17 for more insight.
4. Read Ephesians 2:14–16. In your own words explain the power and point of these verses. How does the reference to “peace be to the brothers” in Ephesians 6:23 relate to these?
5. The Apostle Paul prays in Ephesians 6:23 that the Ephesian community have “love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Square these words with Ephesians 3:14–19 & 4: -3. Why does Paul believe these things to be important for us? What does this look like in your life? How about at New Hope Church?
6. Pastor Matthew has often defined “grace” as “guaranteed redemption at Christ’s expense.” Explore “grace” in Ephesians 1:2, 2:4–9, 3:1–13, 4:7 & 6:24. How would you characterize the essence of grace and why it is necessary for us as disciples of Jesus?

#### **CONTRIBUTE**

7. What has been the single most important “take-a-way” from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians for you? Why?
8. In what way might you choose to “live out” for the glory of Jesus Christ and by His power the “take-a-way” referenced above? Be as specific as possible. In what ways could others pray for you in this regard. Take time right now with your Life Group or friends and family to pray.