

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, August 9, 2020



Do You Have an Achilles Heel?

Ephesians 6:13-17

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Get to Know You

If you were a pair of shoes, what would you be?

Study the Book

Read Ephesians 6:13-17

What was particularly different about a Roman soldier's sandal as compared to a normal sandal? How was this helpful?

Paul compares our spiritual combat boots to what he calls the "readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." The meaning may not seem obvious at first, but in other places in the Bible, the idea of "readiness" and the idea of "feet" were both connected to being open with others about your faith.

Pastor Tom

Read 1 Peter 3:15, Isaiah 52:7, and Romans 10:13-15

What makes feet beautiful to God?

Why were feet important for messengers during this time period?

What two things does 2 Corinthians 5:18 tell us that God has done for all believers?

Before studying the armor of God years ago, I had never really thought of evangelism in that way. Like most people, I saw it as obedience to Christ's command, or a means to church growth, or an expression of love for another person. All these motivations are biblical and legitimate. But here's another motivation: Being open with others about my faith makes me sure-footed in my battles against temptation.

Pastor Tom

How does sharing your faith strengthen your faith?

1. *It publicly identifies you with the kingdom of God.*

How does making a public commitment help you stick with your commitment?

2. *It reinforces the decision you made to belong to Christ.*

Why is it important to remember what Christ has done for you?

3. *It clarifies and solidifies your beliefs.*

How does explaining our beliefs and giving testimony to our salvation experiences clarify and solidify them in our own lives?

4. *It reassures you of the presence and power of God.*

When I share my faith with someone and they come to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord, the change that comes over their lives is one more reminder that my God really is personally involved in individual lives and my God really can give people the power to change.

Pastor Tom

5. *It gives you an immediate and visible reason to set an example of righteousness.*

How does sharing your faith encourage you to set an example of righteousness?

Group Application and Discussion

Brainstorm ways we can share our faith during the pandemic.

Personal Reflection and Application

Who do you know that needs the gospel? Commit to sharing the good news with them.