

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, August 16, 2020



## The Faith Factor

Ephesians 6:13-17

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## Get to Know You

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Do you like your smore marshmallow lightly toasted or burnt to a crisp? What smore making tips do you have for the group?

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## Study the Book

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Read Ephesians 6:13-17

In ancient warfare, what were flaming arrows? When were they used?

Read 1 Peter 4:12

How does this verse give us a clue as to what a flaming arrow would look like for the believer?

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In a strange way, you could consider a flaming arrow or hardship a sort of compliment: your spiritual enemy sees you as a threat.

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Why would Satan use this strategy?

How was a Roman shield designed to stop a flaming arrow?

How does the world understand faith?

How does Hebrews 11:3 help give us a Biblical understanding of faith?

What Scriptures reveal promises and attributes of God that can strengthen our faith?

How did the shields of Roman soldiers work together to protect the unit?

Read Psalm 33:20. Are the pronouns singular or plural?

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The point is that you shouldn't try to fight alone, and you shouldn't leave others on the battlefield to fight alone. We advance together, we face the enemy together, and as hardships come to your life, it's not just your shield of faith that protects you but the shields of those around you!

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## **Group Application and Discussion**

How would you define faith as a group?

How does Biblical fellowship help strengthen faith?

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

What promise or attribute of God do you need to hold on to right now? Share your trial with a fellow believer. Ask them to pray for you.