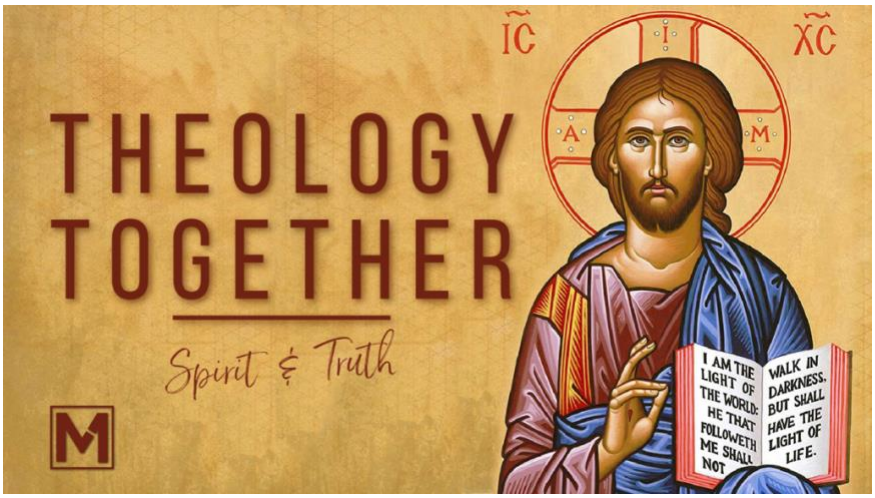

Small Group Discussion Questions

Sermon – ***Theology Together***

Scripture – Various Scriptures

Leaders: Please use these questions to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. ***Pray over them and select the best questions for your group. There's no need to answer every question.*** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and helping one another follow Jesus more faithfully.

- **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Hebrews 4:12**
  - What from Sunday's sermon challenged what you expect when you open Scripture?

Seek: 1 Peter 1:22-25

- Peter says we have been born again through the living and enduring Word. How does the image of an imperishable seed help us understand the new life belief in the gospel brings?
- What does Paul's description of Scripture's teaching, correction, and training add to our understanding of how we are to "grow up" into our salvation?

Strengthen:

- When you hear a claim about God that sounds right, how do you test such a claim against Scripture? What makes it hard to let Scripture change your mind if you are wrong?

Seek: 1 Peter 1:22-23

- Why does Peter tie sincere love for one another to being born again through the gospel?

Strengthen:

- What would sincere love look like towards someone who has hurt you?

Seek: 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2:1; Hebrews 4:12

- How does Hebrews 4:12 help us see what needs to change in our hearts if we are to live out Peter's call to holiness and put away the sins he names in 2:1?

Strengthen:

- *In your life, where are you tempted to excuse envy, resentment, or careless speech? What might it look like to welcome God's correction there?*

Seek: 1 Peter 2:2-3 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- How does Peter's picture of a newborn craving milk help us understand what Paul means by being trained in righteousness?

Strengthen:

- When your appetite for Scripture is weak, what tends to crowd it out? What would help you return to the Word expecting to meet the Lord, grow, and hear His voice?

Seek: 1 Peter 2:2-3 & John 6:66-69

- How does tasting the Lord's goodness help us understand why Peter stayed with Jesus when His teaching was hard and many other disciples left?

Strengthen:

- *What is one teaching of Jesus that challenges something you would rather hold on to?*

How could this group encourage you to
"lay aside every hindrance and the sin the so easily ensnares us?" (Hebrews 12:1)

Action Step

- Set aside a regular time this week to reread 1 Peter 1:22 through 2:3. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen your desire for the Word. Write down one truth to believe and one way to act on it.

- Share that step with someone in the group and ask them to pray for you and check in next week.

Closing Prayer

Thank God for giving us new life through the gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to expose what is in our hearts, renew our hunger for Scripture, and teach us to love one another sincerely. Pray that we would taste the Lord's goodness as we trust and obey His Word.