



August 13, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. If you were about to go into battle and you could only pick one defensive object, and one offensive object what would you take with you in to battle?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. You have an enemy, the devil, who is behind the evil in the world
 - b. The devil wants you to deny Jesus as God by lying to you
 - c. The devil is behind all lies and God is the one behind all truth
 - d. You stand firm against the devil by believing in truth and living righteously
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-14
 - a. The devil wants us to deny Jesus as God, even if you believe in God there may be areas of your life where the devil wants you to deny his existence and authority (i.e. money, relationships, etc.). What are the areas of your life where you deny this existence and authority of Jesus?
 - b. The belt of truth was foundational for Roman armor. It kept all the other armor in place. Why do you think Paul compares this piece of armor to truth? Why is truth foundational in our fight against the devil?
 - c. Do you struggle believing that absolute/unchanging truth exists? Why or why not? Does it matter?
 - d. If the devil is behind all lies, and God is behind all truth what do you think each of their goals are? I.e. why does God want you to believe truth? Why does the devil want you to believe lies?
 - e. Paul also talks about the breastplate of righteousness. When he says righteousness he means living rightly or morally. How do we balance the tension of knowing we will never live perfectly while still pursuing righteous living?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-7
 - a. Eve believed a lie (denying the truth) and chose to disobey God (not living righteously). Why do you think we are so susceptible to choosing what we think is good over what God says is good?
 - b. If Eve (and eventually Adam) had chosen to obey God we would be living in a sin free world. When we choose obedience to God we experience blessing. Where are you struggling to believe that God will bring blessing if we obey him?

CLOSING

1. What can you do on a daily basis to remind yourself of God's truth AND chose to live righteously?
2. Pray