

Breastplate of Righteousness

Eph 6:14



This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to engage in making disciples in your small group. They are based off of the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you take the time to listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. You can find the messages on our website.

Prayerfully considering these questions will help equip you to practice mutual ministry with your family at Vertical. While it's not likely that all of these questions will be asked during your small group meeting, we believe that your personal walk with Christ will be strengthened as you meditate upon the truths that God is teaching you through His Word.

- 1) Pastor JJ compared flying an airplane to sharing the gospel. His father would tell him to move a "tick" one way or another as they navigated their flight. What kind of course direction do you need to make in order to make the gospel a priority? Share your take away from Saturday morning's teaching.
- 2) We've been learning about spiritual warfare over the past several weeks. In what ways is the battle manifesting itself in your life?
- 3) What does it practically look like to live a life characterized by righteousness?
- 4) What protection is provided when I wear righteousness as a breastplate? (Mind, will, emotions) Share a time when you have experienced this truth.
- 5) Pastor Joe shared 4 ways we can be self-righteous. Do you see any of these areas in your life? What biblical steps can you take to eliminate these deadly lifestyles?
- 6) The righteousness of Christ is imputed to us at the moment of salvation. How can I know if I'm trusting in my own righteousness or the righteousness of Christ?
- 7) What practical ways are you working to inform your conscience? What are the consequences of not protecting your conscience?
- 8) Read Gen 4:4-7. Share a time when you experienced a lift in countenance when you chose to walk in righteousness rather to walk in sin.
- 9) Read Ps 32: 1-6. Why is it important to repent of known sin? Is this a regular practice in your life? Why or why not?
- 10) Share your current practices for renewing your mind.
- 11) What evidence exists in your life that you are relying on the Spirit instead of relying on yourself? What needs to change?
- 12) Pastor Joe shared a 4-part strategy for resisting temptation. What was most helpful? Why? Do you have other strategies that help you in resisting temptation?
- 13) Who have you recruited to help you in walking in righteousness? How can this group be more of a help to you?