## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

For the week of February 20, 2022

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to "break the ice" and get people talking)

- There was a lot of snow last week. When you were a kid, what was the most fun thing you did on snow days?
- Is there anything "odd" that you carry with you every day? (something that you cannot leave the house without having)
- Read Ephesians 6:14. Describe the difference between truth and righteousness.
- Josh said that "truth" is our source of "strength" and "righteousness" is our source of "protection." Do you agree? Why or why not? (Reminder: "Righteousness" means "free from guilt/sin, spiritually pure, innocent")
- How does "righteous living" guard against the enemy's attacks?
- Read Romans 1:16-17. What do these verses teach us about righteousness?
- Josh said, "The only way to be made righteous is by faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Most believers understand this <u>for</u> salvation, but there is a disconnect <u>after</u> salvation. Read Galatians 3:1-3. Paul said that they were foolish to believe that they could grow spiritually by their own power (without faith, by works). Why is it so easy to slip into "rule-based" living rather than "faith-based" living?
- While we are "sanctified" (set apart) at salvation, God continues to "sanctify" our behavior by His Spirit. This is "leaning into" the Lord's leading in our lives. It is seeking His direction. Is there something that you <u>used to do</u> that you <u>no longer</u> <u>do</u> since you've been saved? (attitudes, actions, interests, desires, ambitions, perspectives) What did that decision/process look like for you?
- Read Romans 6:13. What does it look like to "yield" our members as "instruments of righteousness?"
- Take some time to pray together.