DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of August 14, 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)

- We're transitioning from summer to fall, from school being out to school being in. What are you most looking forward to in the last part of 2022?
- Who were your childhood best friends? What's something crazy that you guys did together?
- Read John 3:1-2. In similar ways do we try to impress God?
- Jesus' response in John 3:3 was a 'gut punch' to Nicodemus (see John 3:9).
 Everything he though he knew was being challenged. Talk about a time that you experienced something similar.
- Put yourself in the place of Nicodemus. What emotions might you be feeling as you try to understand Jesus' words (see vs. 9-10)?
- Read John 3:14 and Numbers 21:2-9. What are the parallels John is making between what happened to the Israelites and what is happening through Jesus?
- From verses 16 to 18, what stands out to you about God? About what He wants to do? About how a person is condemned?
- When did you first realize that God was not condemning you, but wanted to save you?
- How can you "lift Jesus up" in your life? What other points of application can you see here?
- Read John 3:16. How does a cross-centered understanding of God's love affect the way you think about your relationship with him?
- Take some time to pray together.