## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

For the week of June 4, 2023

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)

- Talk about one of the 'big' decisions that you've made in your life. Talk about how you made it and/or the impact that it has made.
- What is one thing about yourself that you wish you could change?
- Il Peter 1:1-9 is all about being, "In the Know" (growing in our knowledge of Jesus). What is one thing that you know about Jesus that brings you hope, comfort, strength, courage, etc.?
- Read II Peter 1:5a. Josh explained that "giving all diligence" and "adding" bring the idea of intentionality, striving, and going "over the top." What is something in your life that you have approached in this way?
- What are some practical ways to approach "adding to our faith" with this same amount of effort and tenacity?
- What is the first thing that II Peter 1:5 tells us to "add" to our faith? How would you describe what this is?
- Who defines what is virtuous? How can we be made aware of this?
- There are two "ditches/extremes" when it comes to virtue. One of them is the idea that Christian liberty frees us from the need to add virtue. Talk about ways that we are tempted to do this and how this mentality keeps us from growing in our knowledge of Jesus.
- The other "ditch/extreme" is the belief that virtue is nothing more than moral strength to do right and/or abstain from wrong. How does this mentality keep us from growing in our knowledge of Jesus?
- What are some practical ways that we can add virtue (do right/abstain from wrong) while keeping our focus on Jesus? How did the story about the vegetarian that abstained from meat for her family's sake help you to understand this?
- Take some time to pray together.