

Growth Group Discussion Questions October 10, 2021

Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
- 2. Read Psalm 18:30, 28:7, and 119:14. How does the imagery from these passages help us better understand the shield of faith?
- 3. What are some things the world puts its faith in? Why do we sometimes put our faith in these things?
 - a. There is **no** inherent power in faith itself, only in the **object** of our faith. Jesus Christ is the **object** of our faith. Read Ephesians 1:13, 1:15-19, 2:8, 3:12, 3:17, 4:5, and 4:13. What is produced when we trust in Jesus and place our faith in Him? How does it affect how we live?
 - b. What steps can we take this week to make sure the object of our faith isn't misplaced when trials come?
- 4. Satan uses situations, trials, and circumstances we face to fire flaming darts to wreak havoc and inflict devasting wounds in our lives. What are some common "flaming darts" that the enemy shoots into our lives?
 - a. Please share a specific time where you have seen this in your life. How did you respond trust in God or yourself?
 - b. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. What are we going to do this week when the enemy wants hurls his flaming darts at us? How can we make sure we trust God and take refuge behind the shield of faith when the flaming darts come?
 - c. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Do you need to preach the gospel more consistently to yourself? What does that look like for our families and us?