## The armor of God Breastplate of Righteousness How was your week? What precautions do you take in your daily life against danger? What part of us does the breastplate of Righteousness cover? Why is it vital that we protect our heart from the enemy's attack? Why is it vital that we protect our Emotions from the enemy's attack? Righteousness means right standing with God. How did we become righteous with God? (2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Corinthians 1:30-31) Righteousness also means living right before God. How is this possible? (Romans 6:16-23, Romans 8:1-11) Why does Satan choose to use temptation to sin as one of his primary attacks? Why does he focus on tempting us to do what is right in our own eyes? Why is it at times we feel so unrighteous?

#### Proverbs 4:23

\*How can someone guard their heart? \*What is the purpose of that? \*What is meant by all flows through it?

## Proverbs 23:7

\*What does the mind and the heart have in common? \*Describe what is meant by this verse? \*How important is it to have our heart involved in worship to God?

## 2 Corinthians 5:21

\*What does it mean we might become the righteousness of God? \*If we are righteous before God what does that mean we can do?

# Philippians 3:7-11

\*What does it mean that Paul has counted the things listed in verses 4-6 as loss? \*What are some earthly or religious achievements that you may need to count as "loss"?

\*What have you given up for the sake of following Christ? Was it worth it? \*Based on verses 7-8, does your perspective toward this world need to change? If

so, how?

\*What is Paul's goal in verse 9?

\*What is the difference between righteousness that comes from following the law and the righteousness from God?

\*What does it mean to "know" Him?

\*What is the difference between this knowledge and how you might know an acquaintance?

\*What specific ways are given that we should strive to know God more deeply? \*What does "fellowship of His sufferings" mean?

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\*How are believers walking "in the flesh?"

\*What would waging war "according to the flesh" look like?

\*How do believers wage war?

\*What kinds of weapons do we have?

\*Who is the enemy and what are the strongholds that we face?

\*From the context in verse 5, what is one battlefield that we wage war on?

\*What kinds of arguments and opinions are raised against God and His word? \*What should we do when we hear these attacks?

\*How can we defend the faith from attacks like this outside the church?

\*How can we defend the faith from attacks inside the church?

\*What does it mean to "take every thought captive to obey Christ?"

## Titus 3:3-8

\*Who does the 'we' describe (3:3)? Why do you think so?

\*Does this mean that all believers are free from malice, envy, enslavement to lusts, etc.?

\*What is the relationship between verse 3 to verse 2?

\*In what way were you deceived (not only doctrinally, but personally)?

\*In what way were you foolish?

\*Were you envious of others?

\*What are some examples of things which the world views as being wise or clever but God views as being foolish?

\*How does the 'washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit' describe the spiritual changes that happen to a new believer

\*What changed this desperate condition?

\*What is this that appeared?

\*How did He appear?

\*What does verse 5 tell us about the conditions for salvation? Who saved us (ourselves?)? Why? How? To what degree (6)?

\*What was the result of this salvation? Heirs of what?

### Isaiah 64:6

- \*How have we become unclean?
- \*Why can't our own righteous acts save us?
- \*Have you ever felt you had to do more righteous acts to please God?
- \*Why is it hard for us to accept and understand Grace?