

FAC Life Group Questions **Sunday Sermon – October 1, 2023**

Welcome back! A few reminders on the Life Group questions as groups reconvene or start for the first time:

- ❖ *These are just meant to be conversation starters and options. Do not feel the need to go through it like a list. Pick the best ones for your group.*
- ❖ *Feel free to make your own questions, have members bring questions, or simply have discussion around the theme of what impacted each member the most, what questions they have, and how you can pray for each other.*

Icebreaker opening question:

- Can you remember a life struggle that was unwanted, but as time passed you saw God was working in it for your good? Would you be willing to share?

When God: When God invites you to a victorious struggle – James 1: 12-18

1. The apostle Paul tells Timothy to “fight the good fight of faith”. Implications are the Christian life has an aspect of struggle and fight to it. In your opinion, do we talk about this aspect of the Christian life adequately? If so why or why not?
2. James speaks of temptation. What is your understanding of temptation? How does James describe the process of temptation, and what are common situations of temptation in our modern life?
3. The Christian life is that of rescue and ongoing mission in this world. What are the spiritual implications that we are on mission? What are we for and what are we up against?
4. James says, “that after sin is full grown it gives birth to death.” Does this statement by James make you think about sin differently? Phrases such as “full grown” and “gives birth”... what principle could James be communicating with such imagery?
5. James says “do not be deceived”. Who is the deceiver and what are his common deceptions? What was his first deception and how is it the root of all deception? How does this still affect us?
6. “Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights”. How does knowledge of God’s willingness to give good and perfect gifts, the greatest being that of Himself, help us say no to temptation and yes to God? What are we pursuing and what we rejecting?
7. What application are you gleaning from this message?

Spend some time in prayer. Be sure to have a plan in place for communication if someone has a pressing need for prayer arise before the next time you meet.