

In-Person Life Groups Relaunch: We are excited to announce that Life Groups can begin to meet in person! We would ask that you limit your gatherings to 25 (adults and children). This number will be evaluated weekly and we will keep you informed of any changes.

Social Distancing and Care: Please continue to practice social distancing when meeting in person. We are not requiring that masks be worn, but recommend a mask for those who prefer to wear one. And we encourage all those who are 65 years or older to continue to meet virtually. As a leader, based on these guidelines, you can decide what is best for the people in your group.

This Week's Icebreaker Question:

- Would you rather have a snow-cone or a root beer float for a summertime treat?
- What's one of your favorite summer childhood memories/traditions?

Sermon Specific Questions:

- 1. What is righteousness, and why is it such an important concept in the Bible? How is your prayer & praise to God impacted when you read in Romans 3:10 that righteousness is our greatest need and in Colossians 2:14 that it's made available to us through the cross of Christ?
- 2. We see in Philippians 3:2-8 that righteousness is our greatest problem because our human nature blinds us by our own righteousness. What do you say to those who view grace as something to be earned by keeping to a set standard or legalistic way of living? How does verse 8 in particular speak to you? What do you do when your human nature kicks in and starts trying to create a list of things in order for you to gain or keep righteousness?
- 3. Philippians 3:8-9 shows us that through faith we can receive righteousness, which is the greatest gift from God. Why is putting faith in Christ hard for some to accept as the means to righteousness? What are some things people try to rely on instead of faith in Christ in order to get to Heaven? What would you say to somebody who claims that righteousness through faith seems too good to be true?
- 4. When reading Philippians 3:1, we see that Paul was joyful in reminding the believers of what they already knew. How has today's message been a great reminder and encouragement to you? How does it encourage & strengthen you for the week ahead?