



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of February 17, 2025

1. What is one item that you never leave the house without? Is it a favorite watch, bracelet, ring, or necklace? Why is this item so important to you? What is the purpose of this item? Is it simply decorative, or does it accomplish something more?
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-16. By way of review, what are the six key resources that God has given for your spiritual protection and success in spiritual warfare?
  - The belt of \_\_\_\_\_
  - The breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_
  - The shoes of \_\_\_\_\_ readiness
  - The shield of \_\_\_\_\_
  - The helmet of \_\_\_\_\_
  - The sword of \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the basic purpose of a shield? Describe the shields that are used today by police officers. What materials are they made of? What is their approximate size? What are they primarily used for? Describe a scenario when a police personnel will need a shield.
4. In this text, Paul is not describing “the faith” (i.e. Christian doctrine) but the personal, active faith that every Christian should engage in his/her daily experiences. How necessary is faith according to Hebrews 11:6? What is the most important key to spiritual victory according to 1 John 5:4?
5. In Sunday’s message, Pastor Ryan unpacked FOUR of the most dangerous “flaming arrows” that Satan and his forces are known to shoot at Christians. Explain these four arrows in your own words— and then discuss how “the shield of faith” can be used to achieve victory over these attacks.

a. Arrow 1: Temptations	*1 Corinthians 10:13
b. Arrow 2: Fictions	*Psalm 119:9 and John 8:31-32
c. Arrow 3: Accusations	*Romans 8:1 and Colossians 2:13-14
d. Arrow 4: Retaliations	*Romans 12:17-19 and 1 Peter 3:9
6. How can you be more “intentional” to put on your shield of faith from day to day? Give some specific ideas for Christians like you.

*When the devil goes on offense, faith is always your best defense.*