

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, August 2, 2020



Make it So!

Ephesians 6:13-17

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## Get to Know You

What shirt do you always pick to wear? Why?

## Study the Book

Read Ephesians 6:13-17

How can the Christian experience inner peace?

How is true Christianity a fight?

How did a breastplate protect a Roman soldier?

Pastor Tom used two theological terms to describe righteousness. What were they? What do they mean?

How do these terms relate to “putting on” righteousness?

## Because I am righteous...

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

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Do you see the cosmic trade that the verse describes? At the cross, a cosmic trade happened where Christ took on Himself our record of sin and gave us His record of sin. Here is the reason—and this is one of the most remarkable phrases in the whole Bible—He did this “so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Pastor Tom

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Why do we naturally draw back from saying we are the righteousness of God?

How can we hold on to this truth as believers?

**I will be righteous.**

Read Proverbs 13:6

Name the four ways righteous living acts as protective armor from Pastor Tom’s sermon:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

## **Group Application and Discussion**

How would you explain that righteous living acts like protective armor to a middle or high school student?

What reminder, warning, or encouragement did you need from this week's lesson?

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

If your life is a construction zone, which area needs your attention? What can you do to complete that section and move to another?