

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, August 23, 2020



The Helmet of Salvation

Ephesians 6:13-17

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Get to Know You

If you could have an unlimited supply of something, what would it be?

Study the Book

Can anyone recite Ephesian 6:13-17 from memory? If not, can you piece it together as a group?

Read Philippians 1:6

In your own words, how do the parts of the verse that Pastor Tom had you circle relate to salvation:

began –

carry it on –

completion –

Why do you need it?

It protects us from discouragement when hardship comes.

What hardships have you seen great men and women of faith experience?

Read Romans 8:18-25 and John 14:2

We're not home yet, but there is a home we're heading to where everything that's broken gets fixed. The hope that God will finish the salvation of His creation protects us from discouragement when hardship happens.

Pastor Tom

What hardship are you most looking forward to being fixed?

It protects us from frustration when opposition comes.

Read 1 Peter 4:12-13

What are some ways that our Christian convictions make relationships with nonbelievers difficult in our culture.?

How can a belief in God's future salvation make us more patient and forgiving and loving in the way we relate to hostile nonbelievers?

It protects us from despair when failure comes.

Tom said, "We run not to win the prize of his love; we run in his love to win the prize!" What's the difference between these two statements?

Group Application and Discussion

What routines put us continually in front of the truth about God's promised salvation?

How can we do a better job of reflecting on this truth? (For example, journaling. Now name 3-4 more.)

Personal Reflection and Application

What routine will you commit to grow in this Fall?