

Basic Training – A Better Way (Biblical Authority)

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 3-4, 2015

Community:

1. Are you the type of person that makes New Years Resolutions? Why or why not?
2. If you made resolutions this year, what were they?

Core:

1. Scott shared a quote: "Direction, not intention, determines destination." What does that mean?
2. Why is it important that we as a church spend time every year to walk through our 6 values?
3. As we walk through our values, we're going to see that they're found in a letter Paul writes to the people in a town called Ephesus 2000 years ago. What do you remember about Ephesus from the message this weekend?
4. One of the reasons we go through our values each year is so that we can align our lives with the things God says are most important—we want to value what He values. What are ways you try to do this in your own life?
5. Look at Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Read Ephesians 6:10. What does it mean to be strong in the Lord?
6. Now read verses 11-13. Why do you think that Paul emphasizes the word "stand" so many times in these verses?
7. Read verses 14-17. Take a few minutes to discuss what each piece of armor stands for.
8. The "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" is the foundation for our number one value: Biblical Authority. How would you define Biblical Authority?
9. We clarify Biblical Authority by saying: "We believe that the Bible is God's Word and shows us a better way to live if we are willing to adjust our lives to what it (God) says is right and true." What does that mean?

Challenge:

1. In what areas of life can following Jesus and reading the Bible make us better people?