Relate Group Questions September 9, 2018

Ice Breaker Question: Do you tend to see the glass half-full or half-empty?

Relate Group Value: Safety – Guarding honest, open relationships with an agreement of safety – that what is said in the group will remain confidential, that opinions will be respected and differences will be allowed.

Sermon Series: Does Your Faith Work?

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: James 1:16-18

Other Relevant Scriptures: Matthew 7:11; James 1:5; Romans 8:28. 31-39; John 16:33; Psalm

74:16; Romans 16:5

Study Questions:

1. What are two good gifts that God has given you this year (John 16:33, Romans 8:28)?

- 2. Do you believe that God is good always, even when going through financial difficulties, natural disasters, and the evil you see daily on the media? Why or why not?
- 3. How are peace and joy during trouble and trials, "good" and "perfect" gifts from God?
- 4. When has it been the hardest for you to believe that God does and will give you good and perfect gifts and that "for those who love God all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28)?
- 5. How have you seen God bring something good out of a bad situation?
- 6. How are the gospel and our resulting salvation "good gifts" to us?
- 7. Why can nothing separate us from the love of God and his good gifts to us (Romans 8:31-39)?

Weekly Check-up:

How is your daily Bible reading going?
How has your prayer life been this past week?
Are you struggling in your obedience to God?
Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?
Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?
What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?