

## **March 12th, Gear for Life**

What were some things from this message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

What are some things you consider essential gear for the activities you enjoy?

### **Read Ephesians 6:10-17**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Is there a piece of armor that you find especially significant?

What are some practical ways you can wear the belt of truth on a daily basis?

Do you agree with Jordan that truth is under attack in our culture today?

What is the connection between our actions and our relationship with God?

Have you ever found yourself unprepared to give an answer regarding the gospel? What was that like?

### **Read 1 Peter 1:3**

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

What does this verse have to do with faith?

Why do you think faith often weakens outside of a community?

Do you think “practicing faith in a community” is the same as brainwashing? Why or why not?

Why is it important to spend time training with the sword of the Spirit, the word of God?