



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of February 10, 2025

1. Almost everyone has a "horror story" about a pair of shoes that gave them trouble: shoes that were too tight, too cheap, too slippery, too old, or too embarrassing. What's your worst story about shoes? Share it with the group.
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-15. What kind of footwear do our soldiers, special forces, and police officers wear today? How would you describe them? What kind of performance should that footwear provide?
3. In ancient times, Greek and Roman soldiers wore leather sandals that featured metal studs on the outer sole. This helped to provide grip over unsteady ground and traction in hand-to-hand combat. What are the footwear described in verse 15 as part of the "armor of God"?
4. What is "the gospel" according to 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Ephesians 2:8-9? Explain the gospel in your own words while emphasizing the most key elements.
5. Pastor Ryan suggested that Satan continues to sabotage the "road" to salvation with various false gospels that aren't the truth. How would you describe or explain the errors behind these false gospels?
  - *The False Gospel of Good Works* \_\_\_\_\_
  - *The False Gospel of Religion* \_\_\_\_\_
  - *The False Gospel of Sincerity* \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the "point" or "purpose" of the gospel, according to Romans 5:1? What did Jesus say about this subject in John 14:27? If people think the gospel promises health, wealth, and a happy life— how are they setting themselves up for disappointment, discouragement, or even depression?
7. The gospel isn't only a defensive posture. It is also an urgent message that every Christian is supposed to share with people who are lost in their sins and separation from God. Why do today's Christians seem to be so reluctant and fearful to talk about Jesus with others? What will it take to overcome that reluctance?
8. Who is one person that you're praying for and hoping to share Jesus with? Close your Life Group with a time of prayer, asking the LORD to open doors of opportunity — and to grant boldness, courage, and excitement to you to share Jesus with that person.

***Stand firm in the gospel, or you'll slip into Satan's snares.***

