

## Scripture and Background Information for April 28- May 11

### *Ask Me Anything*

For the next two Sundays, April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, the sermons will be based on questions that even we don't know yet! So, we've provided two passages that we think will be beneficial for your review using the **Discussion Guide**. However, we've also provided some questions about the sermon to get your group thinking.

#### **Background for 1 Peter 3:15**

Peter was the author of this book that bears his name. Eventually being crucified for his belief and proclamation of Jesus, he knew more than his fair share about persecution. He writes to his audience to prepare them for the persecution they would face for their belief and proclamation of that belief in Jesus. Peter encourages his audience then, to have a balanced, well-informed, and Christ-like response to difficult questions. Peter would give us the same advice today as we seek to answer with Jesus while acting like Jesus.

#### **Background for Colossians 4:5-6**

At the end of Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul reminds his audience of a few things that he does not want them to forget. These practical suggestions include prayer, sharing of the faith, and being a good witness for Christ. His overall message for the letter is this: "If Christ is who is says He is and done what He said he has done, then we are called to live differently." These verses are a reminder of the next steps and practical implications of our identity with Christ.

#### **Questions for Sermon Review:**

What were some things that challenged/encouraged you?

What were some questions/answers you would like to share with a friend?

What questions do you still have?

#### **Scriptures for the upcoming weeks:**

May 12	Luke 8:1-3
May 19	2 Timothy 2:1-7
May 26	Hebrews 11:32-40
June 2	Acts 9:26-28