Sermon Questions

"You've Got What You Need" by Pastor Cal Rychener

This week our guest speaker, Pastor Cal Rychener from Northwoods Community Church in Peoria, IL, greatly encouraged us from God's Word about our new identity in Christ! We learned that God has fully equipped every believer to walk in victory in the midst of our daily spiritual battles.

Questions

- 1. Read Psalm 23, This favorite psalm brings us great comfort and encouragement on our spiritual journey through this fallen world. In verse :5 we are reminded that we have enemies and that God equips us for the battle. What are some ways that our three main enemies (*Satan, the world's system, and our flesh*) try to knock us off course from following Jesus in the paths of right living and blessing?
- 2. Read Ephesians 2:1-6. How does Paul describe our radical change of position once God made us alive in Jesus Christ?
- 3. Reality #1 from this week's sermon was **God has Granted You an Authoritative Position!** How does Ephesians 2:1-6 back this up? How can this truth about our new position help us fight off temptation and fear? How was Pastor Cal's teaching illustration about the tractor and the bull helpful for you to get a grip on this truth about your new position?
- 4. Reality #2 from this week's sermon was God Has Promised You an All-Sufficient Provision! In addition to Psalm 23:5, what are some other verses in the Bible that teach that God will provide for all of our needs? When are these most meaningful to you?
- 5. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-4. List some of the supernatural weapons that God has given us. In what ways can we practically implement these weapons in the midst of spiritual warfare?

- 6. Pastor Cal shared many encouraging praise reports about God's supernatural provision. Can you share a time from your own life when you had a huge need and God came through supernaturally on your behalf and for His glory? How does the truth "His will His bill" encourage you?
- 7. Reality #3 from this week's sermon was **God Has Anointed You With Lid-Lifting Permission!** Read Ephesians 3:20-21, in your own words summarize what Paul is teaching here about God's provision. What are some of the things that cause us to have small thoughts about God and what He is capable of doing? In what ways do you see BRAVE Church positioned to reach the Denver area with the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 8. Reality #4 from this week's sermon was **God Has Invited You Into a Life-Satisfying Privilege!** Why does our joy-level increase when we lean more and more on God to provide? Why does our joy-level increase when we choose to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh? Why does our joy-level grow when we begin to exercise daily "childlike faith" in our Heavenly Father?