1. Launchers: What does this text say about faith?

# 2. Worship God: Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# 3. Sermon Reflection: Faith & Faithfulness

# The Object of Faith

- What objects do you tend to put your faith in? (Other than the Lord)
- How are we affected by the objects we put our faith in?
- What is different about when we faith in the Lord? Compared to the idols of this world?

### The Response of Faith

- What is the imagery correlated to the response to faith? (Really cling to the passage here)
- How does this look for you in your mornings, in your afternoons, and in your evenings?

#### The Fruit of Faith

• Where have you seen the amazing workings of the Lord through your faith and His faithfulness? (Think today, in the past year, and throughout your life).

# 4. Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us

- 1. Praise the LORD, God Almighty that He is utterly worthy of our trust. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His steadfastness, especially with Christ as your Ransom, the Father as your Provider, and the Spirit as your Deposit and Guarantee of every good promise.
- 2. How have you lived simply selfish and distrustful of your Maker? Confess your pride and unbelief in God's provision for you, asking Jesus to wash you and heal you to trust Him as you should.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for keeping every promise made to us by the LORD even when we've been the ones breaking faith with Him. Thank Him for keeping His Word even to His own hurt and delivering us from all of the ruin that we have caused by our sin and rebellion.
- 4. Who do you know that lives independent of the Lord rather than trusting Him with all their heart? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them grow in knowing Him in all their ways.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and faithfulness. Pray that as He is faithful, that He would work into us His own character, as individuals, as an entire congregation, and toward our city.
- 5. <u>Mission:</u> Our mission as Christians is to faith in the Faithful One alone. We need to consistently be thinking and asking ourselves the question, "What is it that I am leaning on?"