Use these questions in your Life Group gatherings or for further discussion as a family.

THE GOSPEL ON WHICH WE STAND | OCTOBER 20, 2024

SERMON RECAP

We were all once enemies of God. But we have been reconciled through the gospel and have been given a charge to work out our faith.

THE LEAD IN

 When you hear the phrase "stand your ground," what does it bring to mind? How does it change when thinking about it being a momentary stand versus a long-term stand?

GETTING INTO THE TEXT

- Read Colossians 1:21-23. Does Paul's phrase in the beginning of verse 23
 mean that our reconciliation to God, through Christ, is dependent on our own
 faithfulness and action? Why or why not?
- Consider the parable in Matthew 13:18-23. How does this story that Jesus tells help us to understand the tension between Christ's work done for us and our own responsibility to be working out our salvation?
- Ephesians 2:8-10 explains how we are saved through faith, a gift from God, not by our own works. The passage continues that we have been created in Christ to do good works. What role do works and obedience play in our walk with Christ?

GOING DEEPER

 Think about the various relational spheres in your life (family, work, neighbors, community, church, etc.). How do you work out your faith in each of those areas? What fruit do you pray to see in each of those areas as you grow in obedience to Christ?

PRAYER

 Ask God to give you the strength to daily pursue Him and His heart and thank Him for the great work He has done on your behalf.