Series *Sermon-based Growth Group*
"A Conversation about 2021"
Questions
January 2, 2022

Introductory Discussion:
What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Read the memory verse, Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."
   What are all the things the Word of God means here?

    a. Why is it important for us to understand this truth?

2. What is something that God taught you over the last year?

    a. Is there a Bible verse for what you've learned?

3. What is the biggest change in you spiritually this last year?

4. What does 2 Corinthians 6:8-11 show us about how we should live in this world, our attitudes, and what effect we can have?

5. In Corinthians 5:12, Paul says, "For what business of mine is it to judge outsiders?" Why not?

    a. How should we interact with non-Christians?

    b. What is God's attitude toward the lost? (See Jonah 4:11: "Should I not also have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 people, who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left, as well as many animals?")

6. What does it mean that God is a refuge?

    a. If God represents himself as a refuge, what does that tell us about what we can expect from life?

    b. What does it tell us about how God will deal with you in difficult times?