






	CHRISTIAN STREAKER: Breastplate of Righteousness
 BIG IDEA	Jesus makes you right with God, then shows you how to live right with others.
 ICE BREAKER	What's one piece of advice you received as a kid about "doing the right thing" that you still remember today? (It could be from parents, teachers, coaches, etc.) Did you follow it?
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pharisees were religiously impressive but self-righteous • True righteousness is different from religious performance • There are Two Types of Righteousness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practical Righteousness: Doing right by God and other people. The idea of "Do the right thing, get the right results" ○ Positional Righteousness: Jesus made a trade - His righteousness for our sin (2 Corinthians 5:21) so when God looks at us, He sees Jesus' innocence instead of our sin. • Practical righteousness protects us from self-imposed consequences • Positional righteousness protects us from separation from God
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before this message, how would you have defined "being a good person"? How about "being righteous"? 2. Why do you think self-righteous people are so off-putting? Can you think of examples (without naming names) of how self-righteousness affects relationships? 3. Shan said "Do the right thing, get the right results." Can you think of examples from your own life where this principle has proven true? 4. What are some areas where doing the "right thing" feels especially difficult because the "easy thing" is so tempting? 5. What's the difference between shame and conviction? How does understanding positional righteousness change how we handle our failures? 6. Which type of righteousness (practical or positional) do you tend to struggle with more - living right or believing you're right with God? 7. How can understanding both types of righteousness change the way we approach things like our daily decisions and our relationships?
 NEXT STEP	Choose one specific area where you've been choosing "easy" over "right" and commit to making the righteous choice this week. Share this with someone who can encourage and pray for you.
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place...</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue our brand new series called CHRISTIAN STREAKER looking at the Book of Ephesians!

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