**“Applying the Gospel to our Victories”**

“Celebrate now… with eyes on our future hope through Christ!”

**Recalling Our Victories**

 “Happily Ever After…”

 “Yeah, but…”

**Redeeming Our Victories**

 Rooted in the Gospel (Titus 3:3-7)

 Stones and Feasts (Exodus 12-13, Joshua 4:6-7, Nehemiah 8:9-18)

**Ultimate Victory: The Completed Gospel**

 Revelation 21:1-6 – “It is done!”

**Application Questions**

Regarding significant moments in life, do you tend toward a “Happily Ever After” mindset, assuming \_\_\_\_ will fix all your problems, or toward a “Yeah, but…” mindset, feeling like there’s always something around the corner that might steal your joy?

How can the death and resurrection of Jesus affect your thinking regarding those significant moments/victories? [Hint: Sin will always prevent a “happily ever after” in this lifetime, but Christ’s death/resurrection has freed us from the prison of a sinful mindset].

How can the future hope of Christ’s return affect your thinking regarding intermediate victories? [Hint: a truly satisfying “Happily Ever After” will become real in eternity for the Christian, so cynicism is always short-sighted and glory-stealing.]

Are there any victories in your past that you need to rethink and repent regarding your response to them [perhaps either you put your hope in it / idolized it, or you were cynical even though that victory was a gift from God]? What should repentance look like in that instance?

Are there any significant moments in your history that you could begin to commemorate or celebrate because they’re a testimony to God’s faithfulness in your life (like making your own stone of remembrance, marking an anniversary, etc.)?