Questions for Discussion/Reflection

Sermon Outline
What is Relentless Faith?
1. Relentless Faith is rooted in a rational belief that there is an invisible God working behind the visible world (v. 1-3)
2. Relentless Faith is activated by a heart belief that God cares for me (v. 4-5)
3. Relentless Faith is grown by obedient actions that please God (v. 4-5)
4. Relentless Faith is rewarded by experiencing God in action (v. 6)

Sermon Discussion Questions
• (Ice breaker) The sermon was focused around the idea of making God smile. What makes you smile?
• What’s the purpose of your life? How would you answer this question to someone who asks you on an elevator.
• Scott suggested that the purpose of our life is as simple and grand as this: To make God smile. Discuss this. What types of things do you think make God smile?
• Faith says “this is not all there is.” Scott explained that reality is “more than but not less than reason.” Is this a helpful explanation? Have you had people make you feel irrational for being a Christian?
• In explaining God’s care..he talked about macro-cares (big, obvious) and micro-cares (small, harder to notice). He said sometimes we arrive at the conclusion that God cares for us not in an instant, but over time as we experience 1,000 micro-cares. Brainstorm with your group examples of micro-cares.
• Scott made a case that points #1&2 are important steps to getting to #3…but that #3 is what really puts a smile on God’s face. What are characteristics of alive faith? Discuss the difference between random acts of faith and obedient ones. Share your reactions to the story about the woman standing on her head at 7-11.
• What rewards have you received in your faith life? What have you come to understand about the nature or the way God rewards faith?
• Any other points from the sermon your group would like to discuss.

Lent Bookmark
• Allow space (either at the beginning or the end) for people who are reading along with the Lent bookmark to reflect on what they are reading.