



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – APRIL 2, 2017

### BIG IDEA:

Sometimes we think about church like we think about cruise ships. Many of us come to church hoping for good music and entertainment, comfort and relaxation, fun activities, and good service. But what if church was meant to be more than a cruise ship? What if it was more like a battleship where the most important things are connection with the captain, conviction, instruction, a clear and noble mission, and an opportunity to serve others?

### OPTIONAL ICEBREAKERS:

What's the best vacation you've ever been on? What was the most fun memory you have from that vacation? What was the worst vacation you've ever been on? What made it so bad? Would anyone here ever consider joining the real Navy? Why or why not?

### DISCUSSION:

1. Does anyone remember what we heard at Wake about the two ways we can approach church?

*A) Cruise Ship: good music and entertainment, comfort and relaxation, fun activities, good service*

*B) Battleship: connection with the Captain, conviction and instruction, clear and noble mission, opportunity to serve others*

2. Do you think Watermark is more like a Cruise Ship or a Battleship? Why?

3. How do you think most kids typically approach Sunday mornings at church? Do most kids usually walk in there looking to chill and have a good time like you would on a Cruise Ship or do most walk in with a mission like on a Battleship?

4. What about you? How do you usually approach Wake? What are examples of how you treat church like either a Cruise Ship or a Battleship?

5. Why would it be okay for a church to have Cruise Ship qualities?

*Guests should feel invited, welcomed, served, and comfortable when they visit a church. It shows them that we love them and that God loves them.*

6. Why would it be essential for some people treat church like a Battleship?

7. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. How does the mission of a church go beyond making people feel welcomed and comfortable?

8. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-4. How could being a member of a church be compared to being a soldier?

### APPLICATION:

9. What's one thing you can do next week at Wake to treat church like a Battleship?

*Welcome someone new. Notice them, meet them, include them.*

*Bring someone new.*

*Be an example. Participate. Volunteer. Sing loud. Don't be a distraction. Join the tech team.*

*Put others first. Video games. Ping Pong. Pool. Donuts. Couches. Etc.*