What The Word Says About YOU

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This weekend we studied a worldview based upon God's Word answering four specific questions. While the world often guesses as to the answers of these most important life questions, God gives us specific answers from His Word. Understanding a worldview from a Biblical perspective makes all the difference for how we live.

Here are some notes to review from past sermons...

REVIEW

The Enemy wants you to DOUBT God's (Genesis 3)

- WORD
- GOODNESS
- JUSTICE
- AUTHORITY

The Written Word testifies it is...

- Eternal (Isaiah 40:8)
- Inspired (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Infallible (2 Peter 1:20-21)
- Inerrant (John 10:35a)
- Supernatural (Genesis-Revelation)

The written Word reveals the Living Word (John 1:1,14, Hebrews 1:1-3)

The Living Word believed ALL the written Word...

- Testifies about Him (John 5:39-40)
- Testifies to the Truth (John 18:37)
- Testifies He is God (Mark 14:62)
- Testifies He is central to all salvation (John 14:6)

History of Canonization

History of Prophecy

History of Response

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Meaning: Why am I here?

You are unique not accidental

Moral: What's the problem? You are sinful not good

Message: Is there any hope? You are loved not abandoned

Mission: Where am I heading?

You are accountable not exempt

Please use any of the following questions if you find them helpful...

- 1. Why is understanding our origin of existence important? What does God's Word tell us about why we are here on the earth? Why are we living at this time? Why have we faced the trials we have faced? Why are we gifted in the ways we are?
- 2. How does a Biblical worldview of origin differ from a non-biblical one? How does understanding God's purpose and design for you make a difference? How do you feel when you consider the fact that the Sovereign God of the universe created you and has purpose for you? What difference does that truth make in your life today?
- 3. In our desire to discover what is wrong in the world, what does the Bible tell us? As we consider the biggest problems we face (wars, famines, financial crisis, disease, relationship tensions, etc.) what does God consider the biggest problem? Why is your sin such a big deal? How sinful are you really?
- 4. Why does an understanding of our sin play such a significant role in our worldview? Why is it difficult for you to embrace the severity of the sin in your life? What are the effects of sin in the life of a person? Why should/should not a pastor address sin so frequently?
- 5. Why do you think the world constantly provides a message that everyone is so good when there are so many problems in our world? What would be the need for the Gospel if everyone was good?
- 6. What is the message of hope for our world today? How important is it for that message to be communicated regularly? What role should you be playing in the communication of that message?
- 7. Why is repentance important? Who is the One who leads us to repentance? Why is not simply saying "Lord, Lord..." enough? What does it mean that Godly sorrow produces repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret but worldly sorrow leads to death? (Romans 2:4, Matthew 7:21, 2 Corinthians 7:10)
- 8. How do you respond knowing that God sees all your sin and still loves you? Describe God's love and how His love differs from the love this world offers? What makes the love of God so unique? How important is the cross of Jesus Christ to communicating God's love?
- 9. With so many people feeling abandoned and forgotten, how "relevant" is the Gospel in our world today? Who are the people you know who feel rejected and abandoned and need Christ? What are you doing to ensure they see and hear the message of the Gospel?

- 10. How important is it to understand where you are going? Why should we consider meeting Jesus Christ and giving an account for our life? Can you think of any Biblical evidence to show that we will answer to God for our lives?
- 11. Knowing that you will personally answer to Jesus Christ, answer these questions. When did you repent of your sin and trust Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? If you knew you were going to die one month from today, what would you want to change before meeting Jesus? How can we as a group encourage you to make those changes?