

The Core – Week #3 Human Condition, Jesus, The Work of Christ

Pray First! Open your time together in prayer. Ask that the Holy Spirit would guide your time together!

Intro Question: Talk about why you go to church. (or do you?) What are your thoughts about your church?

No church is a perfect church, because every church is filled with people! And the thing about people is that we are all sinful. That's the first of the 3 CORE beliefs we are talking about today. The human condition is sinful.

Read Genesis 3:1-10

- What do you recognize in these verses?
- What tactics did Satan use in dealing with Eve? How do you see the same tactics today?
- Do you think God didn't know where Adam and Eve were? Then why did He ask?
- Adam and Eve tried to cover their sin – to mask it – how do you see people (or yourself) trying to mask their sin today?
- Even though sin entered the world and there are many lost people, no one is too far gone! The ground is level at the foot of the cross – consider who you can be praying for today that they might turn from their sin and come to the cross!

Watch the Video

- What is something that stands out to you from the video today? Why?
- Talk about your thoughts on the 3 CORE Truths....
 - The Human Condition
 - We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.
 - Do you have a story of being rescued, reconciled or renewed that you'd like to share?
 - Why is it important that this is one of our core beliefs?
 - Jesus Christ
 - We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

- What is most amazing to you about Jesus?
- Who introduced you to Jesus?

○ The Work of Christ

- We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.
 - What makes Christianity different from all other religions? Why is that important?

Pastor Jeff challenged us to shine the light of Jesus and penetrate the darkness. How we conduct ourselves reveals Christ to the lost world. How do you do that in your life?

Close in Prayer!

Scripture to read during the week: Romans 6:23, Romans 5:6-7, John 1:14, Romans 9:5, Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 4:12