

Through Their Eyes – week #4

Pray First! Ask God to give you a balance of grace and truth as you enter into discussions on this difficult topic today.

How have you dealt with a wrong sense of identity in your life in the past? (either in a healthy or unhealthy way)

God has given us free will – we are able to choose what we do, how we live, and what we believe. Because of this, we should be OK with differences of opinion. When someone has a different belief or opinion than you, what is your typical response?

While we are given the right to think and act in ways that go against the order that God intended, there are consequences to following our own ways. Talk about some of those consequences you've seen play out either in your own life or in our society in general.

Some advice that is often given in our world today is, "follow your heart!" Read Jeremiah 17:9 and talk about why that isn't very good advice.

Many people today don't have an accurate sense of self. They believe the lies from the world and from Satan. (**1 Peter 5:8**) They don't know who they are, or more importantly whose they are! Where SHOULD we go for truth?

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- What's something that stands out to you from today's teaching?
- Read **Romans 2:1-4**
 - How have you seen God's kindness lead to repentance?
 - Why is it sometimes hard not to pass judgment on people who live differently than us?
 - What do you need to do differently in light of this passage?
- Pastor Jeff said there are 2 types of people – sinners, and forgiven sinners. What does that mean to you and for you?
- Read **Matthew 7:2-5**
 - Examine ourselves first
 - Judge those inside the church
 - Help our world see there is a better way. (God's way!)
- So...what do we do with transgender people?

Closer in Prayer – ask God to help each of you to tell others about Jesus – to judge less, love more, and share God's truth with all who need to hear His Good News. Our world needs Jesus – let us show them who He is!

For more during the week:

- Genesis 1
- Matthew 19:4-6
- Jeremiah 17:5-10

