



TRUE HOPE

GROUPS &
MENTORING

"NO ONE FINDS THEIR WAY BACK TO GOD ALONE"

Groups and Mentoring aren't about giving polished 'right answers.' They're about sharing real answers. This isn't a place to tell others how good you are at following Jesus, but where you are falling short. We want to create an environment of trust and vulnerability, where we can be honest about our struggles, knowing we are all broken and all equally in need of Jesus. What is shared in your group or mentoring relationship should stay there so everyone feels safe being real.

1. Look at upcoming events together *(Are there any that your group would want to attend together?)*

2. Begin in Prayer *(Pray that God would speak to you through His Word)*

3. Read the text together *(Pay attention to how God is at work)*

Bible texts used in the sermon:

(Mark 1:22, Matthew 28:20, John 1:18, John 1:14, John 11: 25-26, John 11:27, Matthew 16:15-16, Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26-27)

4. GROUP DISCUSSION *(Feel free to answer as many or as few as you see fit.)*

Sermon Key Question: Who gets to tell me who I am?

Sermon Key Points: Everybody has Doctrine

- *You do not escape doctrine by rejecting doctrine.*
- *The modern self puts Jesus on the stand and asks, "Can you justify yourself to me?" Christian discipleship begins when I realize that I am the one standing before Him.*

Sermon Main Takeaways:

- *You are a creature. Your life is marked by givenness.*
- *You are made in the image of God, and because of Jesus, being restored into what humanity was always created to be.*

Sermon Action Steps:

- *Receive the gift.*
- *Recall whose image you bear.*
- *Remember that every breath is received.*
- *Remove yourself from the judge's seat.*

1. What does it mean that everyone has a "doctrine" whether they realize it or not?

2. Why does it matter that God, our Creator, has the authority to define who we are? (Gen. 1:1, Gen 1:26-27)
3. What is a narrative about yourself that you are tempted to believe, even when it doesn't line up with what God says about you?
4. Where are you most tempted to find our identity apart from God?
5. What would it look like for you to remove yourself from the judge's seat?
6. What do you need to surrender to put Jesus back on the throne of your life?

5. PRACTICE- Dethrone Yourself

Remember and reflect on the sermon action steps then in silence and reflection ask yourself this question: "What area of my life am I trying to control on my own that I need to place under Jesus' authority?" (Put him on the throne)

Have each person write down their answer and if comfortable, share with the group.

Finish with prayer together asking God that we might dethrone ourselves and give God the full authority over our lives that we might live the life he has created us for.

God is the Creator. I am the created.