

Small Group Questions

Sunday 5-21-2023

Introduction

There were 5 purposes given for this morning's sermon?

Can you name them?

How do they work together/How are they connected?

1. Jesus Is God

John Calvin wrote "For Christ is the image of God because He makes God in a manner visible to us?"

- Discuss how Jesus' incarnation has made God more tangible to us?

Does two quotes supporting the truth of the incarnation written 1600 years apart encourage you about the truth of Christ being passed down?

Can you name one of the 3 verses shared today where NT writers declare Jesus is God?

2. Jesus is Sovereign

Define the word "firstborn" in Colossians 1:15

How does that differ from the idea of some being born or created?

In V15 "firstborn refers to priority, what does that teach us about Jesus?"

Paul gives 3 reasons to support the fact that Jesus is Sovereign, what are they? V16-17.

Discuss the implications.

3. Jesus is Creator

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the agent of creation, "without Him nothing was created that has been created."

Dr. Max Planck one of the founders of Physics writes "there is a certain order that prevails in nature independent to the human mind that formulates purposeful activity. "

This gives evidence of intelligent order to which both man and nature are subservient.

How do we make the case that Jesus is that force, that intelligent order?

4. Jesus is Eternal

John 1:1 says that the word (Jesus) was in the beginning, was with God in the beginning and was God.

The word "was" is used three times what does it stress to us about Jesus?

Refer to Psalm 90 & 93.

5. Jesus is Sustainer

How does Jesus "hold all things together?" Heb 1:3

What does this mean to us?

6. Jesus is Lord

Why did Polycarp refuse to call Caesar Lord?

What does Jesus being Lord of all mean to you?

Does what you believe about Jesus as Lord agree with the Bible? What does the Bible say? Phil 2:9-11

7. Application

How does contemplating on who Jesus is prepare you to defend His gospel and make disciples?

How can you be more intentional in your witness for Jesus?

Group leaders answers if needed:

1. 5 Purposes of sermon

- If you don't know the true Jesus, you cannot truly be saved
- If you don't know the true Jesus you cannot be transformed into the true Jesus
- If you don't know the true Jesus you cannot preach the true gospel
- To know the true Jesus is to prepare to engage the culture with His truth
- To encourage and exhort you that your faith is not in vain

Verses that declare Jesus as God

- Romans 9:5
- Titus 2:13
- 2 Pe 1:1