



2018 Summer Sermon Series - Searching for Truth - Weeks 6-10

Date	Sermon Title	Topic	Scripture
June 30/July 1	The Questions We Can Answer, and the Questions We Can't	Series Introduction	Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
July 7/8	How Can We Reconcile the Book of Genesis and Science?	Creation	Gen. 1:1-2; John 1:1-5; Rom. 1:19-21
July 14/15	Why Can It Be So Hard to forgive?	Forgiving Others	Luke 7:36-50
July 21/22	Why Should I Trust the Bible?	Reliability of Scripture	2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 3:15-1
July 28/29	How Can I Be Assured that Sin Won't Win in My Daily Life?	Sin	John 13:1-17
August 4/5	What Does the Bible Say About Gender?	Gender/Sexuality	
August 11/12	What Is the Nature of God?	Nature of God	
August 18/19	What Will Heaven Be Like?	Heaven	
August 25/26	Is There Only One Way to Heaven?	Salvation	Acts 4:5-12; Romans 1:18-21
September 1/2	How Does the Holy Spirit Impact Me?	Daily Christian Living	John 14:15-19; Galatians 5:22-23

Notes for Group Leaders

Since there will be various preachers this summer and often there will not be regular sermon transcripts, listen well and take good notes! These discussion guides are shorter than normal with just a few questions for each week. As you listen to the sermon, you may come up with a few of your own.

Here are some good general discussion questions that you can use each week in addition to those provided:

[Q] What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be:

Most helpful? Eye opening? Troubling? Challenging? Explain.

[Q] What does this passage/message tell you about God?

[Q] How does this passage/message help you love and worship Jesus more?

[Q] Has God shown you sin in your life that needs to be fought with God's help?

[Q] Is there any action you want to take as a result of the message and hearing the Word of God?

6. What Does the Bible Say About Gender? | August 5, 2018

1. What is God's design for gender and sexuality? See Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-5.
2. How has sin corrupted God's design?
3. How do we love people who don't know Jesus or His plan? Do we sometimes expect them to live as though they *do* know Him?
4. In the passages below, what hope does the gospel offer to those struggling in the area of sexuality?
Titus 3:4-7
1 Corinthians 6:11
5. Pray for those who need hope.

7. What Is the Nature of God? | August 12, 2018

The most important element of God's nature is His holiness. *Holy* means "set apart," and God is clearly separate from His creation based on His nature and attributes. Holiness is the foundation of all other aspects of God's character.

1. How does God display His holiness among the Israelites in the Old Testament?
Example: see Exodus 20.
2. How does God display more of His holiness in the New Testament?
Example: see Revelation 4-5.
3. Choose another characteristic of God and answer the above two questions.
4. Read and discuss the following quote:
"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." A. W. Tozer

Resources:

gotquestions.org/God-different.html
Knowing God by J. I. Packer

8. What Will Heaven Be Like? | August 19, 2018

1. What do you learn about Heaven and its reality from the following passages?

Isaiah 66:1

Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56

Hebrews 9:24

Hebrews 6:19-20; 8:1-2

John 14:1-3

2. Read Revelation 21:1-8. What aspect of Heaven is most appealing to you? Can someone think about Heaven too much? Why or why not?

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 (ESV)*

Resource: *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn

9. Is There Only One Way to Heaven? | August 26, 2018

God's Word tells us Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Read Acts 4:5-12 and John 14:6.

1. Why did Jesus say this? What are some reasons that Jesus is the only One?

1 Peter 2:4 - Who chose Him to be the Savior?

John 3:13 - Where did He come from? Where did He return to?

Hebrews 4:15 - How did He live?

1 John 2:2 - Who else has atoned for sin?

Matthew 5:17 - What did He fulfill?

Hebrews 2:14-15 - What did He destroy?

1 Timothy 2:5 - Who else mediates between God and man?

Philippians 2:9 - What did God do for Him?

2. What from the above list impresses you about Christ's uniqueness to be the only Savior?

3. What are the implications for *your life* that Jesus is the only way to eternal life? What are the implications for those who don't know Him yet?

Resource book: *Jesus Among Other Gods* by Ravi Zacharias

10. How Does the Holy Spirit Impact Me? | September 2, 2018

1. According to the following passages, what does the power of the Holy Spirit enable believers to do?

John 16:13

Acts 1:8

Romans 8:5-17

Galatians 5:22-23

Ezekiel 36:26-27

2. How is this kind of power different from the power people in our culture seek out? What kind of power does our culture promote?
3. What do you need Holy Spirit power for this week? How will you trust God's promises in this area?

Resource:

Book: *Keep in Step with the Spirit* by J. I. Packer