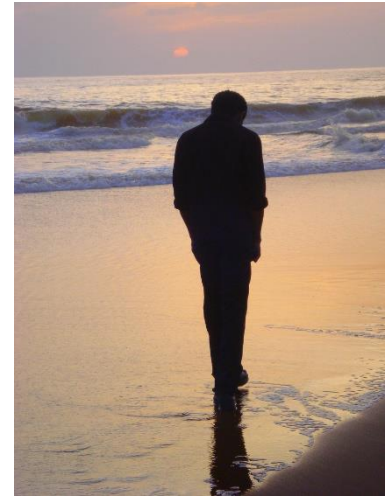


NEW SERMON SERIES – SOUL SEARCHING

Everyone has a worldview. Whether or not we realize it, we all have certain presuppositions and biases that affect the way we view all of life and reality. A worldview is like a set of lenses which taint our vision or alter the way we perceive the world around us. Our worldview is formed by our education, our upbringing, the culture we live in, the books we read, the media and movies we absorb, etc. For many people their worldview is simply something they have absorbed by osmosis from their surrounding cultural influences. They have never thought strategically about what they believe and wouldn't be able to give a rational defense of their beliefs to others. Christians, however, are commanded to be able to give a well-reasoned explanation for the hope we have in Christ.



There are four questions every worldview must answer. Apologist Ravi Zacharias says this about worldview: "I am totally convinced the Christian faith is the most coherent worldview around. Everyone: pantheist, atheist, skeptic, polytheist has to answer these questions: Where did I come from? What is life's meaning? How do I define right from wrong and what happens to me when I die? Those are the fulcrum points of our existence. I deal with cultural issues whether they be in the Middle East, Far East, the Orient or the West. You broach questions in the context of their culture and then present Christian answers." In this series we will tackle this topic of worldview building on the only true and reliable foundation: the infallible Word of God.

September 17 **Origin: Where Did We Come From?**

Genesis 2:4-7

Am I just here by chance, a random lucky draw of the straw? Is there nothing special about me other than the fact that the genetic mutations of my ancestors produced the me I am today?

September 25 **Meaning: Why Are We Here?**

Genesis 2:17-18

Am I here to have fun? Am I here to somehow make the world a better place? Is there no way for me to know why I'm really here?

October 1 **Morality: What Is Good?**

Genesis 3:1-15

Who determines what's right and wrong? Shouldn't the individual have the right to determine that for himself or herself? That sounds good to me. But how is that actually going to work in the real world? Is morality subjective or objective?

October 8 **Destiny: Where Are We Going When We Die?** **Genesis 3:16-24**

Is there life after death? If there is, what will that life be like? From a completely human perspective it would appear as though this life is all there is. When you die, you're dead.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES FORMING

Now is a great time to test drive a small group and experience the profound impact it can have on your faith life. During the 4-week *Soul Searching* message series, small groups will meet to dig deeper into the concept of worldview, coinciding with our message series. Mark the back of the Connection Card if you would like more information on leading or joining a small group Bible study for this 4-week series.



