

# Sermon Discussion Guide

**Date:** June 16, 2024

**Sermon:** What We Believe: Man & Sin

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**Primary Text:** Genesis 1:26-28 (Man)  
Ephesians 2:1-3 (Sin)



## SUMMARY

*Big Idea:* Men and Women are created in the Image of God. Sin has Corrupted the Nature of All Mankind.

This week's message focused on answering the 2 questions: Who is Man? and What went Wrong? Mankind was made in the image of God, God's special creation as male and female. Both are equal in design and worth, both are responsible for glorifying God, and each have a unique and distinct role to play. What went wrong? Sin was introduced into the world and man was personally responsible for the choice of sin. Sin totally affects every area of our being and renders us totally incapable of providing our own salvation. Sin's corruption and consequences are pervasive in this world, both spiritually and physically. God has provided the only solution to our sin problem, through God the Son, Jesus Christ. Through repentance and faith in Him alone, mankind is enabled to recover and pursue God's design for their lives.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What/Who is Man? (Doctrine of Man)

**Read: Genesis 1:26-28**

- 1) What do these verses teach about who man is and why man was created?
- 2) Being made in the image of God gives every human being dignity, value, and worth. In what situations is it hard for you to see the dignity of every image-bearer? (Who are you tempted to de-value? Why?)
- 3) In what ways is this doctrine currently ignored, opposed, or twisted?
  - Consider your answers in 2 realms
    - i. "Out there" - in our current culture
    - ii. "In here" - in your own heart and mind
- 4) Why is believing and holding to what the Scriptures teach about this important?
- 5) How would you explain this teaching to someone? (children, neighbors, coworkers)
- 6) How does this doctrine fuel and inform your love for God and love for others?

What Went Wrong? (Doctrine of Sin)

**Read Ephesians 2:1-3**

- 1) What do these verses teach? (think about condition, influence, and effects)
- 2) How pervasive is the sin problem? (cf Gen 6:5; Jer 17:9; Romans 3:10-18; 5:12)
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