

Things You Should Know – Theological Values

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Ephesians 2:4-10

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Values determine the trajectory of a community

These values shape what a place will become and what it feels like to be a part of it.

*How have you seen this statement to be true in your life, an organization you've been a part of, this church?

Jesus is the center

Christianity is about Jesus – not being a good person or believing the right things.

Read and discuss Ephesians 2:4-9(NIV)

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

*What do these verses say about centrality of Jesus?

*Why might we want to avoid adding things to the center?

*What is beautiful about a diversity of doctrinal perspectives if Jesus is central? What is challenging?

We are focused on joining God's Kingdom work in the world

He has created us through Christ Jesus – for a purpose.

Read and discuss Ephesians 2:10(NIV)

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*What do these verses say about His work in the world?

*How have you experienced purpose and reclaimed humanity by participating in Kingdom projects?

*How is love of neighbor connected to our own spiritual maturity?

*What is beautiful about work that is already prescribed and prepared by Him? What is challenging?

The legacy of this church will be defined by our faith in Jesus and by the ways we step into the good works that God prepared in advance for us to do

*What part does humility play in living out these two theological values?

*How have you seen either of these two values play out at Pulpit Rock?

*What is God saying to you about either of these in your own life?