

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

The Simplicity of the Gospel John 3:1-21 (vs.16)

I. Belief

A. Belief Defines You

1. What you believe is revealed by how you interact with the world around you.
2. Beliefs are influenced by comfort, values, experience, etc.

B. What You Believe is a Choice (Judges 17:6)

1. Some choices are subconscious and reactionary
2. The influences you surround yourself with are a choice
 - a. repetition of ideas permeates the mind "this is the way"
 - b. confirmation bias

II. In Me

A. What do you believe in? (2 Cor 10:7-17)

1. Yourself. In a sense it really is up to just you to decide
2. Your peer group. Being rejected and feeling left out is huge.
3. Those who you consider successful or at least admire

B. Jesus/Godhead

1. Following God doesn't always make sense (Isa 55:9)
 - a. yet He is the center piece (Rom 11:33-36)
 - b. it requires faith/trust (Heb 11:6)
 1. He doesn't need our adoration (Acts 17:24-25)
 2. He wants authentic connection, not self-seeking (James 1:5-7)
 - c. He is confident and knows Who He is (Matt 7:28-29)
2. He offers a community (John 6:67-69, John 14:23)
3. He is admirable and successful (Phil 2:5-11)

III. Everlasting Life

A. What we get out of it (Matt 16:24-26)

1. We are no longer groping and faltering
2. A glorious purpose

B. To Really Live (John 17:1-5)

1. What do we get out of it? We get Jesus
2. It isn't that He gives us eternal life, He is eternal life
3. He's asking us to return to Him (Gen 3:9)

IV. How is it simple?

A. At the heart of the Good News is a relationship with Jesus

1. All the doctrine and rules are diagnostic (Matt 22:36-40)
2. Love should result in obedience (Rom 13:8-10)

B. Do you want to know and love God or not? (John 1:12-13)

1. It's isn't about ritual or even actions (Matt 7:23)
2. Knowing Jesus and what He did/does (1 Cor 2:2)
3. Trust that He will reveal Himself to you.