



SERMON NOTES

Week 1 September 12, 2021
"God"



I. Introduction

- A. The Apostle's Creed was developed to teach people the _____ of the faith.
- B. We need to shape our beliefs around _____ not what you feel.
- C. If you're a Christian, you should have answers to _____ you believe something.

II. Arguments About God's Existence

- A. Scripture suggests that our _____ is moral, personal, and relational.
- B. The Moral argument: If everything is random and there is no moral force behind the universe "why are we _____ creatures?"
- C. The Cosmological argument: Nature had a defined _____, and something doesn't come from nothing.
- D. Evidence of Design: "The _____ for self-organization of life on earth are in the neighborhood of 1 to 10 to the 40,000 power," according to Oxford mathematician John Lennox.

III. Why Faith in God Matters

- A. Belief in God is meant to fundamentally _____ our perspective on the world, on our place in it, and on our own lives.
- B. The Christian faith is meant to fundamentally and _____ affect those who believe and the world in which we live.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

The Apostle's Creed was developed in the 5th century to teach people the basics of the faith. As you look at the Apostle's Creed it starts with a fundamental affirmation that we are people who believe in God. So maybe you think that to believe in God requires a giant leap of faith. And maybe you think that essentially, there's zero evidence for God's existence apart from the Bible. Is that true? Is there any evidence for God outside of scripture or blind belief? What does that mean for us?

Monday: II Timothy 1:3-7

We learn from this letter that Timothy learned the faith from his mother and grandmother. What was the attitude toward God in your house growing up? Did your parents lean you toward faith or away from it? How has that impacted your faith today?

Tuesday: Acts 9:1-20

Saul of Tarsus was a very religious man. He comes onto the pages of history persecuting Jesus followers and then he becomes one of them during his dramatic conversion experience. How did you arrive at the place you're at today spiritually?

Wednesday: John 20:24-29

Thomas, one of Jesus' followers, was skeptical of Jesus' resurrection until he saw his nail scarred hands. In the message, Eric said you need to go where the evidence leads, not where you hope it leads. We all have a bias. Honestly, where do you hope the evidence leads?

Thursday: Genesis 1

One of the biggest questions people can ask in this life is about 'causation'. Who started all this, and more importantly, why? How would you answer those questions? Can you articulate why you believe what you believe?

Friday: John 1:1-5

John suggests that our origin is moral, personal, and relational. We were created by a moral God in His image and He wants to have a personal relationship with us. The argument for the existence of God, outside of scripture, is the moral, cosmological and evidence of design that Eric discussed during the message. If morality, cosmology and the design of the universe don't point toward a creator, what do you think they point toward?

MOVING FORWARD

This week we looked at evidence, outside of scripture, that many Christians point to as the reason they believe in God – the moral argument, cosmological argument and evidence of design. If you decide that the evidence supports the existence of God, your journey doesn't end there. Belief in the God of the Bible is meant to fundamentally change our perspective on the world, on our place in it, and on our own lives. This week reflect on whether your belief in God has impacted your world and the world around you.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) basics, B) evidence, C) why. IIA) origin, B) moral, IIC) beginning, D) odds. IIIA) change, B) positively.