

CONCEPTIONS

#1: People are good



Misconception #1: People are good

Sermon outline and notes

We were made in God's good image

Genesis 1:26-27

We all inherit the broken image of Adam

Genesis 5:1-3

Our good deeds hide our true nature

Luke 11:11-13

Only God is able to give a true assessment

Romans 3:10-12

We need someone to restore us before God

1 Peter 3:18

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Family / Community Group questions

Intro

- "What is the human condition?"
Before listening to the sermon, how would you have answered this question?
How would the people you engage with most answer it (co-workers, friends, family)?

Discuss

- Think about the answers that came to mind for the intro question above (both how you would have answered it, and how the people you know might have answered it).
 - In what ways is your/their answer true and valid?
 - In what ways is your/their answer incomplete or even incorrect?
- Which of the things we have looked at from God's word (see 'sermon notes')...
 - do people find easiest to agree with?
 - do people struggle to agree with?

Engage

- We have hints of God's goodness in us but our very being is compromised by sin.
We can appear to be good to others but God tells us we are not good at all.
...that's why we all need Jesus.
 - how can you see these things in yourself?
 - how can you see these things in the world around us?

Apply

- How has the Holy Spirit and the Word strengthened your understanding of the human condition, as revealed in the Bible?
- How has the Holy Spirit and the Word challenged your understanding of the human condition, as revealed in the Bible?
- When you find yourself speaking with someone who has the misconception that 'people are good' (or something similar), how might you be able to point them to the truth of the Bible and hear their need for Jesus and his Gospel?