



Fall 2018 Series – Christianity Explored – September 30

Pastor Robin W. Pifer – *Mark 2:1-17; 7:20-23; 12:30; Mark 9:43-47*

Message: Why did Jesus come? Weekly Reading: Mark 6 – 8:29

How many of you like going to the Dentist?

Jesus came to cure our heart problem – our sin- and to rescue us from judgement and hell. Jesus assists us to find out the truth about ourselves while we still have time to do something about it.

Mark 2:1-17

1. Our Heart is our biggest problem.

What is the heart? It is the centre of our emotional, spiritual intellectual, moral and decision activity.

How many of you would like to have up on the screen a video of your life – thoughts, actions and words?

Mark 7:20-23

Mark 12:30 - How should we relate to the Lord?

2. Jesus came to cure our heart problem.

Jesus came for people who know they have a heart problem and know they need Jesus to cure it. Mark 2:15-17

3. Jesus came to warn us about the eternal consequences of our heart problem. Mark 9:43-47

Have you ever told anyone to “Go to Hell”? Only Jesus can forgive sin and take us to heaven. Are we going to listen to Jesus while there is still time to respond to do something about our problem?

- Matthew /Levi - Jesus invitation is still the same for us today. “Come follow me,” says Jesus.

4. Jesus Christ came to transform our heart through faith.

- 1Sam 16:7; Jer 17:10; Jer 31:33; Ezek 36:26
- Faith purifies our heart. Acts 15:9; Eph 3:16-19
- Confirmation of a heart change. Galatians 4:6
- If you know Jesus are you listening and obeying Jesus Christ. What is the next step? What is blocking your heart?
- Check your heart. Col 3:7 – You used to walk in these ways.
- Are we going to listen to Jesus while there is still time to do something about the problem?
- 1Thessalonians 3:13

Life Group Questions

- What was the motivation of the people who brought their friend to Jesus in Mark 2?
- In what way does Jesus deal with the paralytic man?
- Why is our heart our biggest problem according to Jesus?
- How does Jesus differentiate between those who know their sick and those who think they are righteous? Mark 2:15-17
- What is the reason that Jesus warns us about the eternal consequences of our heart problem?
- What do you think when you hear someone say to someone else, “Go to Hell?”
- Why do you think people do not want to believe or consider that there is a hell?
- What is, Jesus answer to our heart problem?
- How does faith in Jesus transform our hearts? What other verses might you find that show the promise of this transformation?
- How would you answer Jesus’ question in Mark 8:29?