

Sermon Notes



Title: "Knowing Our Corruption Is a Matter of Grace"

Text: John 6:41-51

Theme: All of us are fallen human beings. None escape the radical corruption and distortion of human nature. If you really understand the depth of your sin against the perfect and holy God, you see the awesome price that Christ paid for sin to eradicate it from the world. And if you see this about yourself, God's grace has truly come to you.

I. _____ Corruption Means We Cannot _____
God Unless He _____ Our Action - John 6:44

II. What This Truth Does Not Mean

A. That People Are as _____ as They _____ Be

B. That People Do Not Do Things That Are " _____ "

C. That You Are Not _____ to
_____ to the Truth of God

III. What This Truth Does Mean

A. That People Are Completely _____ To Do
_____ from Themselves To
_____ God

B. That People Only Come to Christ Because God Has
_____ the _____ to Respond to the
Truth

C. That No One _____ Wants or _____
the True God

IV. Why This Is a Gracious Truth

V. What This Truth Means for You

A. It Shows You Just How Spiritually _____ You
Are and How _____ Is Your Need of a

B. It Shows How _____ Is the Work of
_____ that Christ Jesus Has Accomplished on
the _____

C. It Provides the " _____ " for Why the World
Is So _____

D. On the Grand Scale It Means No One Has Any _____
to _____ Than Anyone Else

Next Week Read: Ephesians 1:1-14

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Why were the Jews grumbling against Jesus (vv. 41-43)?
2. What was Jesus' response to their grumbling (v. 44a)?
3. Why does a person come to Jesus (v. 44a)?
4. What will Jesus do for the person who comes to Him (v. 44b)?
5. How does Jesus describe those who come to Him (v. 45b)?
6. Why are we not able to properly seek God? What is the "Doctrine of Grace" that speaks to this issue?
7. Why is the term "total depravity" confusing to some? What does it not mean? What does it mean?
8. What does the radical corruption of man's nature tell us about the redemptive work of Christ?
9. How would you respond to someone who says, "There is good and bad in everyone"?
10. Examine the following texts to see what they say about radical corruption: Genesis 6:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 14:1-4 (cf. Ps. 53:1-4; Rom. 3:10-12); John 8:34; Romans 8:7-8; 1 Corinthians 2:14.
11. How should we evaluate the "good" works of those who do not know Christ as Lord?
12. Would the radical corruption of man's nature indicate that he is spiritually very, very sick or dead? Why?
13. How does the truth of radical corruption inform us about the conditions of the world's problems?
14. How does this truth impact your life?
15. If people cannot come to Jesus on their own initiative, what is the point of preaching the Gospel to people?