

BELIEFS

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
AND WHY IT MATTERS

Small Group Series | Week Three

1. God created every person in His image, for His glory, and with a purpose. How does knowing that you were created in God's image and that God has a purpose for your life change the way you see yourself and other people?
2. Adam and Eve had one command from God, but they chose to disobey and sin entered the world. Why do you think it is so easy for people to choose their own way instead of God's way?
3. Since Adam's sin affected all of humanity, we are all born with a sin nature. Where do you see evidence of our natural tendency toward selfishness and sin in yourself or in the world around you?
4. Total depravity means that sin has affected every part of us and that we cannot save ourselves or make ourselves right with God through our own goodness. Why is it important for us and for others to understand that we cannot earn our way to God through good works?
5. Jesus, the sinless Son of God, took our place on the cross and paid the price for our sins. When you think about Jesus taking the punishment you deserved, what does the cross personally mean to you?
6. The Bible teaches, "Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone." You can't earn it; it's God's free gift. Why do you think people sometimes struggle to simply receive God's grace instead of trying to earn God's approval?
7. Salvation isn't the finish line; it's the beginning of a lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit. In what area of your life do you believe God is asking you to GROW and become more like Jesus?
8. We went from God's original plan → The Fall → Original Sin → Total Depravity → The Cross → Salvation → Sanctification. Which part of that journey helped you understand the gospel more clearly and why?
9. Our word for the year is GROW. As the Holy Spirit is working in you to make you more like Jesus, what is one specific thing you want God to help you GROW in this week?