

## Getting Started

1. If you could go back and do it all over again – knowing what you know now – would you do it? Why or why not?
2. If you had to go back in your past, what is something you would change?
3. We talked this week about the root of man’s basic problems. What are some common theories that culture says are the cause of man’s problems? How do these compare with what the Bible teaches?

## Into the Bible

4. The Bible teaches that man is basically bad or evil. He is sinful by nature, by choice, and by action. Theologians call this Total Depravity. Read the passages below and list the characteristics of what sinful man does? Which of these characteristics is the most striking to you?
  - a. **Romans 3:9-18, 23.** Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.
  - b. **Mark 7:20-23; Jeremiah 17:9.** Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations

5. This week we learned that sinful man follows the course of this world, and follows the prince of the power of the air (Satan). Yet it also says we are following our own desires. So which is it? Is it the world and the Devil at fault (the things outside of us)? Or are we at fault (the things inside of us)? How do you explain this?
6. We ended the message talking about the “immeasurable riches of God’s grace”. Brainstorm some ways God will magnify His grace towards us in eternity?

## Connecting the Dots

7. For parents and grandparents, how does the idea that the world and the Devil are anti-God affect our decision-making? How does the idea that our own children/grandchildren are sinful by nature and by choice affect our parenting?
8. Imagine a God who does not deal in wrath to any one. His “love” prevents him from punishing evil. What are the ramifications of that in the world? What are the ramifications of that in eternity?