

What A Wonder Full World I Wonder...Where Do I Get My Values?

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It's been said the two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you finally figure out why. So the question is...why are you here?

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Every single person's morals and values are shaped by something (usually somethings).
 - People's values are often influenced by: family, experience, and culture.
 - Christian values are driven by Love, shown to us by God in Jesus Christ, that continually transforms us from the inside out.
 - In living out these values, we run into the challenge of being wrong, the challenge of interpretation, and the challenge of moralism.
 - Everyone can admit they've been wrong. Nobody wants to admit they are wrong.
 - And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. | Micah 6:8
 - Resist the challenge of being wrong by being humble and being in community.
 - Don't miss the work that God wants to do in you because you're so obsessed with the work you think he needs to do in someone else.
 - Use the crystal-clear scriptures to help interpret the tougher ones.
 - Our life of faith is like a jigsaw puzzle—start with the corner pieces, and build out from there.
 - God is love. | 1 John 4:16
 - This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. | 1 John 4:10
 - Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." | Matthew 22:37-38
 - "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." | Matthew 22:39-40)
 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. | Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Remember that we're in need of grace, and that it's God who does the work in us.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the values (good or bad, right or wrong) you picked up from your family, your experiences, and/or culture as you've gone through life?
2. One of the biggest challenges any of us have in living out Christian values is that we get things wrong. What are some of the things you've gotten wrong over years?
3. Two of the ways to resist getting it wrong are humility and community. In what ways have either of these helped you realize when you've been wrong about something?
4. There are gifts and challenges that come from trying to live out a Christian value system that may differ from what we've inherited from family, experiences, or culture. In what ways do you find it challenging, and in what ways has it helped and encouraged you?