



Key References:

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

John 3:2–3 (ESV)

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1 Corinthians 3:18–21 (ESV)

¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” ²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” ²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours,

Revelation 21:1 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

1 – STARTING THE NEW TESTAMENT

The 2020 Bible Reading Challenge started to read the New Testament on September 24th. **Have any of you been following or want to start in with the New Testament?** *It's not too late to join the 2020 group for the New Testament!*

2 – EVERYONES SEARCHING FOR A MESSIAH

Andy said that in the last 300 years the western culture has gone from “*Jesus is the messiah*” to “*we are the messiah*”. **What do you think he meant?**

Andy pointed out for his generation that there was tremendous hope for man’s future around the turn of the millennium. **What did your generation put their hope for the future in? Has it held up?**

Read Jeremiah 17:9. **What does this say about humanity’s ability to be their own messiah?**

3 – A REBIRTH IS NEEDED

Read John 1:10-13 and John 3:2-3. **In what way is rebirth God’s solution to problem of the human heart?**

Andy said that the need to be born-again is incredibly offensive to our generation. **Why is the need to be reborn offensive in our culture?**

Read 1 Corinthians 3:18-21. **Will God’s word ever make sense to someone who hasn’t had the spiritual rebirth?**

How can the church show love to the world while staying committed to God’s ways? How do you think Jesus would navigate himself in today’s world?