## **Foundational Truths**

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#### Questions to Ponder

In your home groups, small groups or triplets. Discuss this sermon, what thoughts does it conjure, or challenges does it pose?

# Luke 18:8b - Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Matthew Henry - The question implies a strong negation: No, he will not; he himself foresees it.





Its faith, but not as He knows it

Deception

### Experiences

Lens

Bias

Taught

#### Worldview

# As followers of Jesus we should seek to understand and embrace who he sees thing

#### A Biblical Worldview

- There is a God, one who is powerful and creator of all things
- Sin and evil are real and all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- There is active opposition to God, Satan, who is real and not symbolic
- Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, who died for our sins.
- Salvation is only through Jesus God's Son
- The whole Bible is God's true word to man kind

### Barber Group Research

- Do absolute moral truths exist
- Is absolute truth defined by the bible
- Did Jesus live a sinless life
- Is God the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe, and does He rule today?
- Is salvation a gift from God and cannot be earned
- Is Satan real
- Does a Christian have a responsibility to share their faith
- Is the bible accurate in all of its teaching

Jeremiah 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Matthew 15:18-19 – But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

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# The Bible as God's word – The authority of scriptures

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – AMP - All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honourably with personal integrity and moral courage]; so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Philippians 2:9-11 – NKJV - Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 14:8-9 – NKJV - For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

#### The Narrative of The Bible

- One Book
- One overarching account of God's desire for his creation

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- Speaking of ,
- A creative God
- A disobedient creation
- Promises and Covenants
- The need for a Saviour
- Redemption
- Atonement

- Waiting and holding back
- Justice
- Judgement
- Restoration
- God's Kingdom

### Can 1?...

- Doubt
- Struggle
- Wrestle
- Ask Questions

# Yes

- Walk together
- Talk
- Ask Questions
- Talk of struggles
- Talk of Difficulties

#### Colossians 1:15-18

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.