CrossPointe Church 2/20/22 — Starting Pointe #2

"We exist for God's glory by committing ourselves to God's truth, God's people, and God's mission."

CORE VALUE #1 - TRUTH

To glorify God, we <u>commit</u> ourselves to God's truth. We believe His truth, obey His truth, and proclaim His truth.

Categories of Doctrine

"What places something in the indisputable column, then, is not whether or not it is disputed by some people, or has ever been disputed, but what the Scriptures consistently say about the topic, and how the Scriptures tie it to other matters." - DA Carson

Primary (<u>Absolutes</u>) Secondary (<u>Convictions</u>) Tertiary (Opinions) Questions

Primary Doctrines

The Scriptures

- The Bible is the Word of God—inspired, inerrant, and infallible.
- The Bible is completely sufficient and our final authority.

God

- There is only one God, revealed in Three Persons.
 - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - Co-eternal, co-equal, co-existent
- God the Father
 - Reigns in providence over the world
 - Shows common grace to all and is Father to His children
- Jesus Christ
 - Conceived and born of a virgin; lived a sinless life
 - · Crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended, and now ruling over all
- Holy Spirit
 - Convicts the world, guides in truth, glorifies Jesus Christ
 - Regenerates and indwells every believer

Man

- God created man, male and female, in His image to know, enjoy, and glorify Him.
- In the Fall, man sinned against God.
- All people are spiritually dead and guilty before God.
- No one seeks for God on their own. All will perish without Him.

The Gospel

- We can never <u>save</u> ourselves.
- Jesus' death and resurrection provide forgiveness and spiritual life.
- · Salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone.

Our Response to the Gospel

- God commands all to repent and believe the Gospel.
- All who are saved experience spiritual rebirth and a changed life.
- All who are saved should be baptized by immersion.

Sanctification and the Spirit's Power

- Every believer is conformed to the image of Christ.
- Every believer should be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit.
- Every believer should exercise their spiritual gifts.

The Family

- · God defines the family.
- Christian marriage is one man and one woman for life.
- · Children should honor their parents.
- The family is the first place for Christian discipleship.

The Church

- The universal church is found all over the world.
- Local churches are self-governing.
- Local churches observe the ordinances.

Missions

- · God's mission is the Great Commission.
- Church health is accomplishing the Great Commission in our community and world.

Last Things

- Jesus is coming soon!
- All will be judged in righteousness.
- All will be in Heaven or Hell. God's people will <u>dwell</u> with Him forever in a new heaven and new earth.

CrossPointe's Commitment:

- · Founded on God's truth
- Submitted to God's truth
- · Guided by God's truth
- Demonstrating God's truth
- Proclaiming God's truth

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What from the Word and sermon resonated with you?
- 2. What is the church's relationship to the truth? How should the church respond to truth? How are we as CrossPointe Church committed to truth?
- 3. What is a primary doctrine? Why are they called absolutes?
- 4. Why must we as the church always allow God to define truth? What is the danger when we define truth for ourselves?
- 5. Discuss how the video of the Kimyal tribe receiving the New Testament showed a value for God's Word.