

HERE I STAND

7 MUST-BELIEVES FOR CHRISTIANS

Human beings bear the marred image of God

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When you were growing up, which parent did people say you most resembled?

What signature traits do you share with your parents despite being a completely different person?

Dig In!

Imago Dei:

- Although humanity is fallen in sin, what aspects of humanity still remind you of God?
- Why is it significant that men and women bear the image of God together, rather than separately?
- What implications does that have for marriages?

Dominion:

- Do you think God is honoured by how we care for what He's created? What can you do to reflect the desire of God in Genesis 1:26?
- What are some parts of creation you take responsibility for? What do you see being neglected?

Marred:

- Todd shared a telling quote from the ancient philosopher, Protagoras. Why does using man as the measure of all things result in less than what God intends for us?
- Reinhold Niebuhr said, "Man has always been his own most vexing problem". How does this quote resonate with your experience? Why does sin lead us to hide from God, blame others and make excuses?

Restoration:

- How does a strictly evolutionary explanation of human existence cause us to miss our need for God to restore us?

Putting off the old Self (Colossians 3:5-9)

- Are there aspects of your life that are not consistent with the image of God? What are they? Why must they be put to death?
- How do these behaviours mess up the transmission of God's light and love through you to others?

Putting on the new Self (Colossians 3:10-17)

- Find as many characteristics of the new self as you can identify in the passage. Are there any characteristics you struggle with more than others? Why might that be?
- Paul explained that these traits are being "renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator". What does that mean for us as we grow in our faith? Are you experiencing renewal of any of the characteristics you identified?

Break Out

Following Jesus helps us recover the character of our Creator. Spend time praying about putting off the old self and putting on the new self. Encourage one another as you can.