

Sermon Notes – Tough Questions October 31, 2010

How can you trust the Bible?

OT & Archeology -- Archeology shows what the Bible records is what actually happened.

Contradictions -- The story is told from different view points, and different people see different things as important.

Written 30 years or earlier after Jesus death – This is really unusual in historical documents. Most biographies are written over a hundred years after the person dies.

Older versions are not different -- The Bible have been preserved almost word for word as far back as they can find.

The Bible is what it was. It communicates the message it intended. It doesn't exaggerate or change history. We have continued to find that the stories told in the Bible are true.

Is the world ending in 2012?

It is mostly Christians who talk about the world being destroyed. Aren't we the ones with the good news?

Is it really only worse and never better?

Some things are better. Some things are worse. This is a battle between the coming Kingdom of God and the world which is passing away.

If you get too focused on the world passing away, you give up on the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The battle is not over yet. And I can't imagine it will be over anytime soon.

Why is living together considered living in sin? Should we really make a big deal about it?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Ephesians 5:3

Jesus wants you to become a better person and at the top of every Biblical list is to avoid sexual immorality.

Sex is something very special created by God and is so powerful that the only safe way to experience it is in a committed forever kind of relationship.

I know if I ask for forgiveness and repent god will forgive me but how do I forgive myself?

1. Forgive yourself but don't forget

Use the knowledge to help make better decisions in the future.

2. Try to make it right

It's easier to forgive yourself when becoming a different person.

3. Consider the Price Paid for Your Forgiveness

Jesus gave his life on the cross to give you permanent forgiveness for your sins.

4. Confess your sins to somebody you trust (James 5:16)

It is really hard for people to forgive you unless you admit that you did something wrong.

5. Forgive other people

Sometimes people who won't forgive themselves are the slowest to forgive anyone else.