

2020 Vision: Getting Clear on Creekside's Convictions

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Saved Together

1. How God Saves Us

2. How this impacts what we do at Creekside

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What relationships in your life are primarily "*covenantal*" (i.e. you feel a sense of duty to maintain the relationship) as opposed to primarily "*transactional*" (you invest in the relationship primarily because of the benefits it brings you)?

Going Deeper

3. How does an individualistic view of the gospel (i.e. "*me and Jesus*") impact our view of the church? Read Titus 2:11-14, 1 Corinthians 12:13, and Ephesians 2:11-22. What do these passages say about Christ's purpose in saving us? How does a "*we and Jesus*"

perspective on the gospel transform our view of identity, and of having a relationship with God? How does it transform the way we read the Bible?

4. *Why* does God save us to be a people (see Ephesians 3:8-10)? How does this change our motivation for pursuing relationships with each other?

Application

5. According to the New Testament, what behaviors should characterize the church?¹
Which of these behaviors come most naturally to you? Which of these do you need to grow in? Which of these behaviors are strengths of your Community Group? Which of these behaviors does your Community Group need to grow in?
6. How would your life need to change to make God's people a greater relational priority? What are your greatest barriers to making these changes?
7. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?

¹ Practice 1: Affirming one another's strengths, abilities, and gifts (Romans 12:3-6, 10; James 5:9); Practice 2: Affirming one another's equal importance in Christ (Romans 15:7; 1 Corinthians 12:25; 1 Peter 5:5; James 2:1); Practice 3: Affirming one another through visible affection (Romans 16:16; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; James 1:19); Practice 4: Sharing one another's space, goods, and time (Romans 12:10; Galatians 6:10; 1 Peter 4:9); Practice 5: Sharing one another's needs and problems (Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11); Practice 6: Sharing one another's beliefs, thinking, and spirituality (Romans 12:16; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16); Practice 7: Serve one another through accountability (Romans 15:14; Ephesians 4:25; James 5:16; Hebrews 3:13); Practice 8: Serve one another through forgiveness and reconciliation (Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13); Practice 9: Serve one another's interest rather than our own (Romans 15:1-2; Galatians 5:13; adapted from Timothy Keller, *The Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything – Study Guide* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010); 58-71.