

February 18th 2024 Gospel of John Doctrines of Grace Total Depravity

Introduction

Greet one another and pray before you begin discussion.

Discussion

- 1. Have you studied the doctrines of grace before? If so, when?
- 2. Why is studying doctrine important for every Christian? (See 2 Timothy 4:3)

Examination

- 3. What is meant by the word "total" in the phrase "total depravity"? Are human beings as bad as we can possibly be?
- 4. What two themes run through the Gospel of John? (see John 7:37-38 & John 6:44)
- 5. What metaphor does Jesus use for the spiritual condition of humanity in John 5:24-25? What other verses in the New Testament echo this metaphor?

 (Hint: Use a search tool in your bible app)
- 6. According to Jesus what action must occur in order for a person to see, and enter the Kingdom of God in John 3:1-8? Who is the source of this action? See John 1:10-13.

Application

- 7. What difference does this doctrine make to your understanding of salvation?
- 8. How does a deeper understanding of our spiritual need increase our humility and gratitude toward God?