

Small Group Notes
Sermon: 6 November 2022

MORALITY

HEAD ON

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:68

OVERVIEW

On Sunday we had guest speaker James Mildred from CARE speak in our Head On series on the topic of morality.

Morality is all to do with the distinction between right and wrong. Psalm 119:68 says "You are good, and do good, teach me your statutes." God is good - morality isn't primarily about us but about God, from whom all goodness derives.

James spent some time looking at the world's perspective on morality, which is a belief in right and wrong without reference to God. Some problems with the world's morality are that it's liable to change, it is subjective, it's self-seeking and we were not made to create our own morality.

Instead, James painted a picture of Christian morality, which is founded on the fact that God is the creator and King and He gives us laws for our good. In contrast to the world, Christian morality doesn't change. It's based on the fact that we can trust in God's goodness and wisdom, that what he says is good news. And that Christian morality is fundamentally self-sacrificial, which leads to human flourishing.

Finally, we saw how no one is good enough in their own moral performance - that before God, everyone deserves judgement. But the

glorious news of the gospel is that we get given a moral record that's not our own - we get Jesus Christ's moral record. Jesus Christ modelled perfect morality to us, and through what he accomplished on the cross and in his resurrection and ascension, we have received total forgiveness and total righteousness.

QUESTIONS

1. What have you found to be the biggest challenges to living out and sharing our Christian morals in the world around you?
2. Where do you see the Worlds morality complimenting and clashing with Biblical morals?
3. What obstacles do you face to truly believing that God is good?