

DISCOVERY 101

WEEK 2: The Basics of What We Believe

I. OUR FOUNDATION

- A. We base what we believe on the Bible.

II Timothy 3:16 *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*

John 8:32 *“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

- B. We look to the Holy Spirit for revelation of the scriptures.

I Corinthians 2:10-16

Verse 10- *“God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.”*

- C. The Word and the Spirit always agree.

God does not change and His Word does not change.

Malachi 3:6 *“For I am the Lord, I do not change.”*

Isaiah 40:8 *“...the word of our God stands forever.”*

The Holy Spirit is not going to disagree with God and His Word.

John 16:13 *“...He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak...”*

II. OUR FOCUS

- A. We focus on redemption, what Christ did for us on the cross.

- B. We focus on relationships, loving God and each other.

I Corinthians 13:1-13

John 13:34, 35 *Jesus said, “...By this they will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

- C. Everyone is not going to agree on everything, and that’s okay.

Romans 12:16b *“Do not be wise in your own opinion.”*

III. REDEMPTION

A. GOD LOVES US

John 3:16 God loves us.
I John 4:18 Perfect love casts out fear.

B. WE HAVE A NEED FOR A SAVIOR

Romans 6:23, Romans 3:23
Every person has made a wrong choice, a mistake.

C. JESUS PAID THE PRICE

Colossians 2:14, 15

God raised Jesus from the dead.
I Corinthians 15:3-6

D. MAKE JESUS LORD

Romans 10:9, 10
We don't try to fix ourselves, instead we surrender total control of our lives, trusting His love for us. Return to God and become complete.

Water baptism is an outward expression of an inward work. It is not a requirement for salvation. *Romans 6:1-5; Matthew 28:19*

E. RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Forgiven by GRACE; we can't earn or deserve salvation.
II Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:8, 9

No more condemnation. God does not hold us to our past. *Romans 8:1, 2*

There is forgiveness if you sin after becoming a Christian. *I John 1:9*

F. THE NEW BIRTH

The life of God changes our nature. Our hearts are made new. We call it being "born again." *II Corinthians 5:21*

IV. STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our Statement of Faith will introduce you to what we believe.

We encourage you to take Discovery 201, our discipleship course. In this 12-week course, we will share more of what we believe.