

**Introduction:**

1. Pastor Dave made the observation that the spiritual climate in our country is changing rapidly. Do you agree with him that this is a good thing? How could it be?

**Understanding:**

2. In 1 Peter 3:15 we are told to always be ready to explain why we believe what we do. What does the verse say about our attitude when doing this?
3. C.S. Lewis said that "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." How does having a longing for something beyond what this world can give point us toward God? Do you agree with that?
4. How does our inner sense of right and wrong point us toward God?
5. Pastor Dave pointed out that many of the issues we take for granted today were actually introduced into our culture through Jesus, such as recognizing the dignity of children. What were some of the other ones that he mentioned? What are some other areas that you believe the Church should be involved with today?
6. The Cross is probably the most recognizable symbol of the Christian faith, since that is where Christ paid the price for our sins. But what are some of the other facets of the Cross that Pastor Dave mentioned?
7. How does knowing that Jesus died on the Cross for my sins give me a better sense of my value and dignity?

**Application:**

8. Hebrews 3:15 says "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts ..." If you sense that God is calling to you today, answer Him.
9. Pastor Dave closed by talking about our *Calling*, and how "Christianity is about a living God who shows up in your life in unexpected ways... and He calls you to Himself". This week, reflect on how God has used the circumstances of your life to draw you closer to Him, and ask Him what He would have you do for His glory in the midst of those circumstances.
10. What is your "top 10 list" of reasons why **you** are a Christian? Spend some time thinking about **why** you believe, so that you are always "*prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*"