



Sermon Study Questions
Week of February 12, 2012

The Crossing
“Our Core Values”
Pastor Bob Botsford

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Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Referenced Scripture: Proverbs 20:6 (NLT), Psalm 36:1-7, 1 John 1:9, John 3:16

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. What kinds of core values were you taught growing up, either intentionally or unintentionally?

DIG DEEPER:

1. Pastor Bob gave us four core values that we must consider in each of our lives. The first being *Biblical Authority*. The question we all must answer is “Are the priorities of my life consistent with scripture?” In what way is the Word of God the source of authority and truth in your life?
2. The second core value we must consider is *Christian Community*. What does it mean to be committed to a community of believers with the realization that we can do more together than apart?
3. The third core value is *Personal Integrity*. What does integrity mean? How would you explain the fact that if you live with integrity nothing else matters, and if you don’t live with integrity nothing else matters/
4. The fourth core value is *Sacrificial Generosity*. In what way are you willing to give what you love for things you love more?
5. Paul also gives us three core values in **2 Corinthians 11**. The first is in verse 2, when Paul is speaking to being *loyal to the Lord*. What is the important application of this core value in our lives?
6. The next core value Paul gives to us is at the **end of verse 2**, *A purer life of love for the Lord Jesus*. How can we make living out our “betrothal” to Jesus a priority in our lives?
7. The third core value Paul gives to us is found in **verse 4**, *Truthfulness*. The false teachers in Corinth were preaching “another” Jesus who cannot save, not true Jesus. How are we vulnerable when we are not grounded in the truth

REFLECT:

1. Which of the mentioned core values challenges you the most? How so?
2. How can you guard your own heart and mind from being deceived by false teaching, and know and share only the true Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 11:3

“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your mind may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”