

### **Upcoming sermon series: 2019-2020**

**Small Group leaders:** All of these series will have sermon questions with them, except for the last one in the "Endings" series because it falls during Christmas week, and the week after the 29<sup>th</sup> which is New-Years week.

**1) "Endings" December 1, 8, 15, 22.**

This is an advent series. While we prepare to celebrate the first coming of our King and Messiah we are called to also set our hope on His second coming and what will happen when He returns. We will spend four weeks looking at what the Bible teaches about the second advent of our King and Messiah, and how that knowledge and hope has the power to purify and transform us.

**2) "New year, New decade, New covenant. December 29**

The last Sunday of both this year and this decade will be an extended time of worship and renewal of our joyful privilege to live as the redeemed people of God under the new covenant.

**Special Note:** If you are going to do sermon based, I strongly encourage you to do the "Living life backward" series as a 10 week/chapter study of the book by the same title. That would mean that you would then not do the Beginnings series as a group. Though I think that series also could be beneficial to discuss, the book is really good and it would be good to linger over as a group.

**3) "Living Life Backward" January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9.**

A study of the book of Ecclesiastes which gives wisdom on how to live hopefully and joyfully even though life for all of us is fleeting, confusing, disappointing and ultimately ends in death.

**4) "Beginnings" February 16, 23, March 1, 8.**

A study of the doctrine of creation. Not only do we need to live in light of where we are headed (Endings), we also need to remember from where we came, and the purposes of God in the created order. We will look at things that are certain from the Bibles teaching on creation and things that are perhaps unclear and confusing that Christians may have legitimate differences about. We will look at the interface of the Bibles teaching on origins and the opinions of science about these issues, and how we live with the tensions.

**7) "Jesus" March 15, 22, 29, April 5**

In the four weeks leading up to Easter and the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. We want to fix our eyes afresh on whom it is we follow: Jesus the Son, Jesus the Prophet, Jesus the Priest, Jesus the King.

**8) Easter April 12**

**9) "Purpose, Vision and Values" April 19, 26, May 3.**

We are in the midst of a revision and re-write of our purpose, vision and values. As we continue the Kingdom expansion journey that we are on, we want to refocus on the mission that God has given us as a church and how we will seek to pursue that mission over this next chapter of Woodlands' life. We will walk through these, and root them deeply in Scripture as we prepare to open the new Worship center in the late summer of 2020.