

Disciples Church

A Firm Foundation

Character of Man

Week of June 20, 2018

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. What three categories are helpful to understand how we think of the character of man?

1. Describe Adam’s view of his own knowledge and his moral decision before sin entered the world. Can you support your answer from Scripture?
2. What are a few implications concerning the use of logic that we can draw from Adam before the fall?
3. What was the essence of Eve’s failure in the garden? How has sin affected every unbeliever’s character as it relates to their use of logic and reasoning? Why can’t evidence be the answer to convince the unbeliever to repent and believe in Christ?
4. How have unbelievers reacted to God’s revelation in creation? How have they reacted to God’s special revelation in the Scriptures?

1. Why does fallen man’s commitment to independence affect his knowledge and morality?
2. Why is fallen mankind able to have some truth? In what sense may non-Christians speak truth? In what sense are their true statements still flawed?
3. How is regeneration a reversal of the fall?
4. In what sense is the redeemed man restored to the character of man before the fall? How does the believer who has been given new life handle God’s revelation in creation and in Scripture?
5. What is the believer’s epistemology (how do we know what we know)?
6. How does remaining sin affect the believer’s knowledge?
7. How have you handled God’s revelation? Has it been the source of your knowledge? What changes might you consider after tonight’s lecture/how has this helped you understand knowledge?