

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During ‘Foundations’ The Church at Martinsburg will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we’ve done before will set the pace and direction for the church.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet (v 20). The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. We can look forward to the day when our spiritual warfare is over. Those who divide are instruments of the devil and will be destroyed. Jesus by the way of the cross and the power of the resurrection, has triumphed over Satan and we are victorious in Jesus. We are awaiting the final completion of God’s plan for the ages.

Growth Questions for 10/30/11 – 11/06/11

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. How does this passage characterize divisive people? In what ways do they harm the body of Christ?
3. What were the Romans urged to do? How does this passage help us to beware of false teachers without either “witch-hunting” or ignoring danger? What is the standard we use to make this determination? What does godly “avoidance” look like?
4. What reputation did the Romans have? What was Paul’s attitude toward them?
5. How does he encourage them?
6. What does it mean to be wise about what is good and innocent about what is evil? How does this practically play out in your own life? How do we obtain wisdom? What do you do to maintain your “innocence” in the world?

Living on Mission

Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go

1. Read and pray Psalm 139:23-24 asking God to reveal anything in your own heart that He would consider divisive. Are there any relationships that you need to reconcile?
2. Are there any divisive people in your life that God would command you to “avoid” for the sake of unity or the gospel?
3. What changes do you need to make in your habits, schedules, leisure, etc. to heed the command to “be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil”? Would God be able to say of you that “your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you”?

Important Dates

- 10/30/11 Welcome Dr. Seth Polk
- 11/12/11 Ladies Social
- 11/13/11 G4 Kids Operation Christmas Child Focus
- 11/13/11 Next Steps w/C@M
- 11/19/11 Operation Thanks!

COMMUNITY GROUPS DEFINED

A Community Group is a home fellowship made up of 10-15 people who meet every week to share, study and support one another. A leader leads each group. An average meeting lasts for an hour and a half, followed by light refreshments. They’re the place where the real ministry of the church should take place as we study God’s Word, while supporting and sharing our lives with one another. Community Groups meet on Sunday,

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights in homes throughout Martinsburg. Visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org for more information.