



Often people complicate the important things but Jesus said if you don't think about the Kingdom of God as simply as a little kid you won't get it at all (Mark 10:15). We understand that if you have taken the time to download this document you hold these tightly, we do as well. So don't mistake our simple approach or apparent flippancy about hot-button church issues for a lacking "short tether" to the anchors of the Christian faith. Enjoy your reading & let's talk soon... -Pastor Stu

ABOUT GOD

- He is one-of-a-kind...there is no other HE IS REAL
- He exists in three persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- He is the creator of all
- He was completely glorious before we told him so
- He is eternal
- He knows everything
- He is everywhere
- He is not lovING, He IS love (there is a difference)

ABOUT JESUS

- He was present at creation and quite pleased
- He is the Son of God
- He was fully God & fully man
- He was born of a virgin Mary
- He was sinless
- He died on the cross willingly
- He rose from the grave

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Is Divine
- Is very active in lives of Christ-followers
- Is God's voice of conviction, judgment & righteousness regarding sin

ABOUT PEOPLE

- We are really screwed up
- We are hopeless on our own to do good or know God
- We were created IN God's very image
- We are intended to be in relationship with God

ABOUT THE BIBLE

- We as Christ-followers and as a local church are under it's authority
- People have used it to commit atrocities never condoned by God
- It confuses us all the time and it's mysteries are healthy for you and me
- It's central themes are 1) God's glory, 2) our sin and 3) God's story of redemption through Christ

ABOUT SALVATION

- God provided for it through Jesus
- It's about way more than a prayer or a t-shirt
- Requires the abandonment of a former life

ABOUT THE CHURCH

- Jesus is in charge and calls all the shots
- It is led by imperfect people
- It is the Bride of Christ and should be treated as such
- It's messy and full of liars, fakes and cheats
- It's the greatest hope this world has to meet and live for Christ

And for those of you still reading...

ABOUT BEER

- It tastes good, especially on tap.
- Drinking it in excess or in dangerous company saddens God...just like eating till you're sick or working till your family forgets you.

ABOUT CHURCH MUSIC

- Most of it is poorly written and sung off-key, and if it gives God glory it is beautiful.
- It does not have to be 300 years old to honor God, and it does not have to be 3 days old to sound cool.
- We think it usually sounds better loud.
- It gets way too much attention and argument that ultimately distracts us from our mission. If you want to argue with us about ours, you might be wasting your time.

ABOUT WOMEN

- They are way more than baby factories to God and this church.
- Some should lead in the church and some should not (just like men).

ABOUT MONEY

- Being in love with it is the root of all evil.
- The amount of it you give to any given cause is a direct sign of your commitment to that cause, mission or movement.
- If you are a committed part of this community you will be invited to invest finances generously and regularly out of joy and passion not guilt or obligation.