

The Principle and The Story

July 30, 2023

John 9:8-34 - a man and some Pharisees

the Man - *"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!" (John 9:25 NLT)*

(Jesus said) while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam." So the man went and washed and came back seeing! (John 9:5-7 NLT)

the Pharisees - *they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! (John 9:28 NLT)*

Our lives are shaped by: what we believe (**the principle**) and the story we are living in (**the story**)

The Gospel can be understood as the principle and the story that define Christianity

The Principle - we are offered grace and that grace changes us

The Story - creation, fall, redemption, restoration

the man and the Pharisees see the world through very different principles & stories

What we believe and the story we are living make us predictable.

John 9:35-10:10 - Jesus desires to bring sight/life to all people

Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind." (John 9:39 NLT)

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (John 10:10)

Will you let the scriptures define the principle and the story?

Will you let the principle and the story work in your life?

NEXT STEPS Join us next week during the message! If you would like to learn more about our church and how to get connected then join us next week for the first session of this four week class.

ENCASA NEWSLETTER Signup to Receive Our NTC Family church in Cali, Colombia now has a newsletter to keep you up to date on the Wardenaar family and EnCasa. Scan the QR code to sign up!



this week...

CROSS CURRENT Service Tonight at 6pm Our 7th-12th graders gather each Sunday for a service specifically for their age group!

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY Fridays at 9:30am Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

MENS GROUP Saturdays at 8am All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

coming up...

THE KING'S BRASS August 3rd at 7pm We are hosting Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass for an evening of sacred patriotic music. The cost is \$10 at the door and all proceeds go to local charities.

SENIORS GATHERING August 6th at noon Bruce Beckstead is calling all seniors to gather at a park after the service on August 6th to talk about what we can do together. Stay tuned for more information!

MARRIAGE MATTERS RIVER FLOAT August 13th in Winthrop Our Marriage Matters team is hosting their annual river-float. Gather at 973 Pickle Street at noon with a float. There will be a BBQ after to bring something to throw on the grill, a dish to pass, drinks, and lawn chairs.

CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP August 14th-18th Our teens are headed back to Cape Cod this summer. You can get more information and register them by scanning the QR code to the right or going to the ChurchCenter App.



WATER BAPTISMS August 20th at the river! After the service on August 20th we will head to the river to stand with some folks as the follow Jesus in being water-baptized. There will be a class at 8am that morning to learn more. Sign up at the Connect Area in the lobby to be baptized!

FOURTH COAST COMPANIONS TRAINING September 13th at 10am If you are interested in joining this initiative to help our elderly neighbors to age in place then register for this one day training. It will go from 10am to 3pm and lunch will be provided.

