

A silhouette of a shepherd standing on a grassy hill, holding a long staff. Three sheep are visible in the foreground, also in silhouette. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise sky, transitioning from yellow on the left to a darker blue on the right. The title text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

INTRO TO BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

Class Purpose:

- “The long-term health and spiritual vitality of any church is dependent on leadership development.” – Mac Lake –The Multiplication Effect: Building a Leadership Pipeline
- FBC Leadership Aim: Servant leadership motivated by love with the goal of transformed lives.



Identity in Christ - Review

- How we understand our Identity in Christ will instruct how we live, how we view leadership, and how we train ourselves and others to lead.
- “This appeal is not for deeds, but for a life filled with thoughts of the heavenly position; for a mind occupied with Christ and His glory, instead of the passing things of this world.” – Strombeck – Disciplined by Grace

Identity in Christ - Review

- Thinking – We have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3
- Attitude – Consider the members of our earthly body as dead to sin and alive to Christ. Colossians 3:3

Identity in Christ - Review

- Action –
 - When I am convinced of my acceptance by God, when I am secure in my identity, I can be the leader God wants when I face temptations, when adversity is commonplace in my life, when I receive criticism, and ...
 - I can appeal to other followers of Christ based on their identity instead of their actions. If they are in sin, I can remind that their actions do not match their identity.

The Gospel – Case Study Review

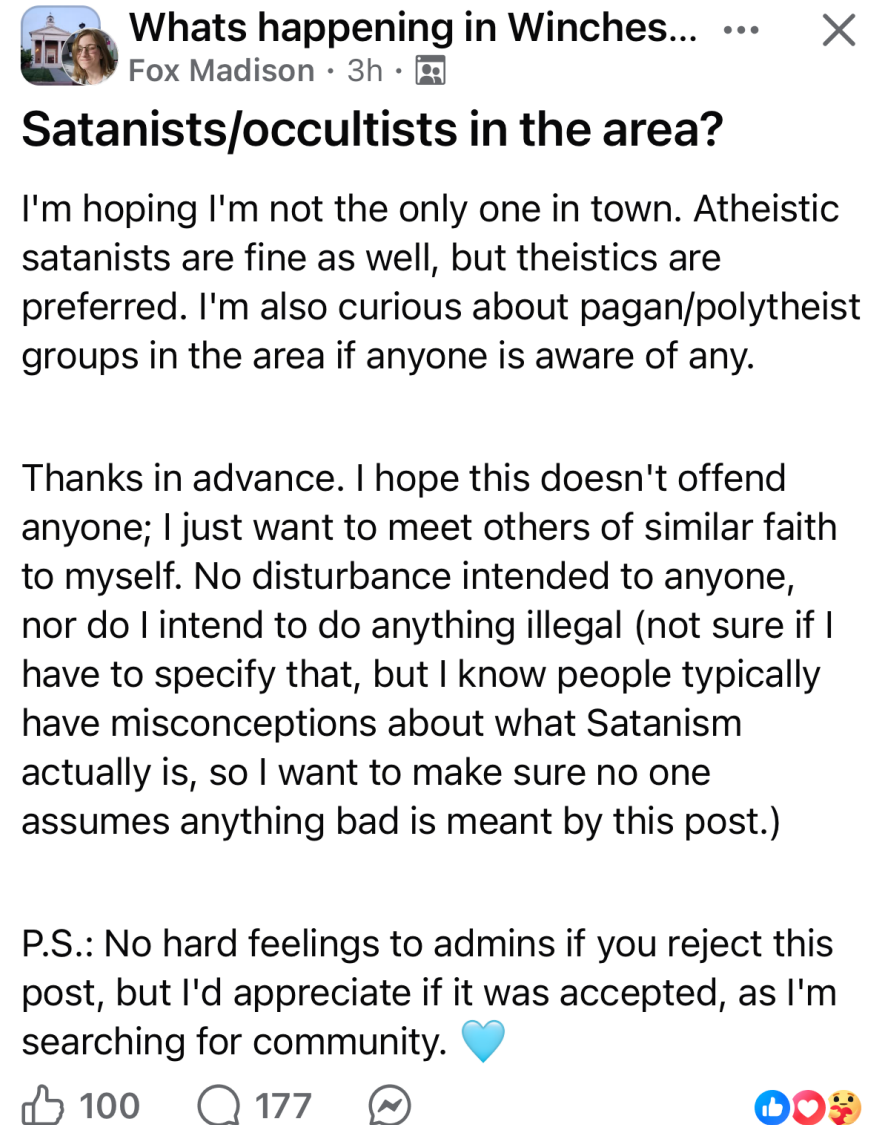
- Answer these questions about our case study couple:
 - Based on her actions (admitted adultery) does Maggie have a personal relationship with Jesus?
 - Do we doubt Archie's salvation? Why or why not?
 - As a leader how do you approach them?
 - How would you train someone to view and use the gospel in Archie and Maggie's situation?

The Gospel – What is it?

- What are some commonly accepted statements within Christianity regarding eternal salvation?
- How do you think an unbeliever would understand these statements?
- Is this the common view of unbelievers?
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUryHj6L1Bg>

The Gospel – What is it?

- How would you share with this person?
- Where do you start?



The Gospel – What is it?

- What do you communicate when you share the gospel?
- If you had a limited amount of time to share the gospel, what would you say?
- What do think of this?
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLpGpWV8JYQ>

Thinking – Eternal Salvation – What is the Gospel?

- What is the good news of Christ?
- How do you define the gospel for eternal life?
- What are the basics that a person must understand, and trust in, in order to have eternal life with Christ?

Thinking – Eternal Salvation

- What is the basics one must understand and believe to have eternal life?
 - I am a sinner. I need a savior. Romans 3:10-23
 - Christ is the Messiah. He is the son of God. John 20:30 -31
 - Christ died for my sins and rose again. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - John 3:16 - Those who believe will have eternal life.

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- What is my settled conclusion about Jesus?
- What am I trusting in? Christ alone or my works?
- What is belief? Faith? Is faith different from trust?

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- What does the scripture say about belief?
 - John 1:12 - Those who receive Him have the right to become children of God.
 - John 3:16 - all who believe have everlasting life.
 - John 5:24; 6:40-47 - The one who believes has eternal life.
 - John 8:51 - The one who keeps His word will never see death.
 - John 10:27–30 - Jesus says my sheep hear (synonymous with belief) my voice and will never perish because God secures them for eternity.
 - John 11:25 - 26 - 25 Jesus said to Martha “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,
 - John 20:30-31 - The purpose of John’s gospel was for people to read / hear John’s words and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God and have eternal life.

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- “Believing is the conviction that something is true. Saving faith is the conviction that the justifying message is true: that the one who simply believes in Jesus has everlasting life. Our works, feelings, will, and desires play absolutely no role in whether we believe something and whether we know we believe or not.” – Robert N. Wilkin – Journal of the Grace Evangelical Society.
- “What faith really is, in Biblical language, is receiving the testimony of God. It is the inward conviction that what God says to us in the gospel is true. That—and that alone—is saving faith.”

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- Why faith?
 - Man in his earthly state can not please God. - Galatians 3:23-24; Hebrews 11:6
 - We are trusting in what we do not yet see, based on the testimony of witnesses who saw Christ alive from the dead.
 - Hebrews 11:1 - Faith = Substance / assurance - Faith makes the future the reality of the present.

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- What is the outcome of our belief / faith?
 - 1 Peter 1:3 - 9 - The outcome of our faith is salvation of our souls (life). This is a three-part salvation:
 - Salvation from the penalty of sin.
 - Salvation from the power of sin.
 - Salvation from the presence of sin into eternal glory with Christ.
 - Eternal salvation is immediate and permanent.

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- Can I lose eternal life? Can I know for sure that I have eternal life?
 - 1 John 5:5 - 12 - The one who has the Son has life.
 - 2 Timothy 2:11 - 13 - God is faithful because of His nature, even when we are faithless.
 - Romans 6:14 - Sin has no dominion over the believer.
 - Romans 8:1 – 11 - No condemnation for those in the Spirit
 - 1 Corinthians 15:10 – By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain (empty)
 - We have the Holy Spirit. Given as a seal.
 - 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ; John 14:16; John 15:26 ; John 16:7, 13, 14; Romans 8:15 - 18

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- Can I lose eternal life? Can I know for sure that I have eternal life?
 - The Spirit authenticates believers' standing before God, protects their relationship with Him, and provides present assurance of future inheritance. The seal is not merely a past event but an ongoing reality that shapes believers' identity and confidence in God's promises. - Logos Bible App
- We can know we are saved by the reliability of the Word. If the Word is not reliable, then we can't know we are saved.

Attitude – Eternal Salvation

- Does "works" or "fruit" play into this assurance?
- Can we know if another person is truly saved?
- After receiving eternal salvation our relationship with God does not revert to a works-based relationship.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 3:3; 2 Timothy 4:7

Action – Eternal Salvation

- We should be able to clearly communicate the gospel to others.
 - Case Study Review:
 - Based on her actions (admitted adultery) does Maggie have a personal relationship with Jesus?
 - Do we doubt Archie's salvation? If so, why do we doubt?
 - As a leader how do you approach them? How do you train others to work with them?

Homework for July 5

- What is our view of the Bible? Is it authoritative? Can we give Biblical evidence for our view.
- Do we believe it is our source for faith and for the practice of our Christian life?
- How would an incorrect view of scripture impact our ministry to our case study couple?
- How does an incorrect view impact my thinking, my attitudes, and my actions toward others?