Introduction

1. What most people believe

   How you live your life on this side of the grave, determines what happens to you on the other side of the grave. Andy Stanley

2. A dangerous assumption

   Most of the world goes to bed under the assumption that if they were to die in their sleep, they would find themselves with God in heaven. This is a dangerous assumption!

PROBLEMS WITH THE ‘GOOD ENOUGH’ THEORY

1. What is good?

2. What’s a passing grade?

3. Is God good?
HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

4. Is anyone good?

How do you measure up against the Ten Commandments?
Check each commandment you have broken.

☐ 1. You shall have no other gods before me. Is God your highest priority at all times?

☐ 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. Is anything more important to you than God?

☐ 3. You shall not take God’s name in vain. Have you ever cursed using God’s name?

☐ 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Do you cease from your labors and set apart time each week to worship and commune with God?

☐ 5. Honor your father and mother. Have you ever been disrespectful to your parents?

☐ 6. You shall not murder. Jesus said, “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer.” Have you ever hated anyone?

☐ 7. You shall not commit adultery. Jesus said, “Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Have you ever looked at a man or woman with impure thoughts?

☐ 8. You shall not steal. Have you ever taken anything that didn’t belong to you?

☐ 9. You shall not lie. Have you ever deceived anyone?

☐ 10. You shall not covet. Have you ever longed for position, power, or property that belonged to another?

What the Bible says about being good enough:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

None is righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Psalm 14:3
6. Is Jesus good?

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Luke 23:42

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

THE BIBLICAL ALTERNATIVE

1.Forgiven people go to heaven

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
Jesus in John 14:6

2. Forgiveness is found through faith in Jesus

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. John 3:36
HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

THREE DIFFERENT RESPONSES

1. Some sneered
2. Some wanted to know more
3. Some believed

Note: This talk is largely taken from Andy Stanley’s How Good is Good Enough? (Multnomah Publishers).

CALENDAR AND TOPICS

Week 1 – How Good Is Good Enough?
Week 2 – What Is God Like?
Week 3 – What’s The Big Deal With Sin?
Week 4 – Jesus: Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?
Week 5 – The Cross: Triumph or Tragedy?
Week 6 – What EXACTLY Is The Gospel?
Week 7 – What Must I Do To Be Saved?
Week 8 – How Can I Be Sure I Am Saved?
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1. What is your table letter? ________

2. What is your name?
   Full Name: ____________________________________________

3. How did you hear about Exploring Christianity?
   _______________________________________________________

4. Please check one of the boxes below as your response to tonight’s invitation:
   - I want to register for Exploring Christianity tonight. See number 5.
   - I need more time to consider registering for Exploring Christianity and I still may come next week when the course begins.
   - Thank you, but at this time I’m not interested in attending Exploring Christianity.

5. Registration Information.
   How many adults will be in your party? _______ (over age 18)
   How many youth will be in your party? _______ High School _______ Jr. High School
   Do you want the youth who will be coming in your discussion group?  □ YES  □ NO
   List names of other people whom you want in your group and we will try to serve you.
   ___________________________      _________________________      _________________________
   Check the one statement which most closely describes your current spiritual status?
   - I do not consider myself a Christian, but I am interested in exploring the Christian faith.
   - I think I am a Christian, but feel the desire to clarify what it means to follow Christ.
   - I am deeply committed to following and living for Jesus Christ.

   Names & ages of children who will be attending Explorer Kids at Exploring Christianity
   
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   Please list any dietary restrictions that apply to anyone in your party:
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