Antigo Community Church – February 5, 2023

Title: “The Story of Everything”

Text: Various

Matthew 9:36

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

“There is no God.” “No one directs the universe.”

Psalm 14:1

“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”

The Story of Reality – of Everything

“The narrative is history, if not, it explains nothing.”

Psalm 119:142, 160

“Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true… All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.”

John 18:37-38

[Jesus speaking] “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

John 14:6

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

1 John 5:20

“We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”

“Christianity is a picture of reality…It’s an account of the way things actually are. It’s not just a view from the inside (a Christian’s personal beliefs and relationship with God). It is also a view of the outside. It is a view of the world out there, of how the world really is in itself… Christianity is a worldview.”

Four elements of a worldview:

Creation – how things began, where everything came from including us

Fall – describes the problem – we know something is wrong with the world

Redemption – the solution that fixes the problem

Restoration - describes what the world looks like once the repair takes place

Why does your worldview matter?

Your worldview determines what you believe and what you believe determines how you live.

Your worldview answers life’s most important questions:

 Why am I here?

 Why is anything here?

 Why is anything important or good or beautiful?

 What went wrong?

 What will fix it?

 How will it end?

 It’s God’s Story of Reality – the basis of our relationship with Him, the truth upon which our salvation rests.

There is nothing more important.