

“History Always Repeats Itself”

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Acts 17.10-11, 2 Corinthians 5.17, Lamentations 3.22-23

When we act on a belief that isn't true we make _____.

Suburban Legends: these are the stories and messages going around in our culture about the best way to live life. Often we believe those messages and act on them, whether or not they _____.

- When it comes to decisions about your life and relationships the stakes _____. Mistakes in these areas can cost you your _____, your _____, your _____, and your _____.

So how do we know if our assumptions are true?

- We compare the ideas to Scripture. Acts 17.10-11
- We believe the big story told throughout the whole of the Bible gives us an accurate _____ and how we can best _____.
- *If good decisions are based on right assumptions about reality, and if the Bible accurately depicts our reality, then its guidelines provide us the best basis for making good decisions about how to live life today.*

A Suburban Legend to discuss today—

“History Always Repeats Itself”

- It's easy to fall into the trap of assuming our past _____ our future, that no matter what we do we are _____ and we _____, that *OUR* history will always repeat itself.
- Because our many failed attempts to change lead us to apply words like “_____” and “_____” to our lives and our struggles. *I'll never change...I'll always be this way...*
- This struggle to change can show up in all areas of _____—big and small—and in our _____ as well.
- The longer we believe this the more it becomes a _____ of how we think, live, act and decide.

The idea that history always repeats itself just _____.

- Every page of the Bible fights back against this suburban legend; every page screams that with God _____ . 2 Corinthians 5.17

This is the good news of the gospel.

- Your _____ doesn't decide what your _____ will be. The work of God in us can make change possible in _____ of our lives. Lamentations 3.22-23

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- What are the areas in your life where you struggle to change? What has your experience with change been? What practices have helped you make changes in your life?
- What are some suburban legends that you are aware of? If you had to make a list of the wrong ideas about how to live life well that are circulating in your world, what would you put on them?
- Why do you think God had you here today? What do you need to do as a result of what you experienced today throughout the worship experience?

