



Why Atheism Is A Dead End

MAIN THING

Atheism Has Failed Every Society That Has Adopted It

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:12, Hebrews 11:6, Genesis 1:26-27, Matthew 25:37-40, Revelation 20:11-15

ICEBREAKER

Best vacation I've ever been on was

OPENING THOUGHT

Atheism is being peddled to our society as the “enlightened” path. The societal narrative says something like this, “With God and Christianity gone from our lives, people will be freer, more tolerant, and more prosperous.” Many believe that atheism is the intellectual choice. Nothing could be further from the truth. Simply look at the societies in history where atheism has been the foundation of the society- former Soviet Union, North Korea, Cuba, etc. Are they bastions of freedom, of prosperity? Hardly. They are the most violent, repressive, depressed societies in history. Atheism has failed every society that has adopted it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon identified three false statements: 1) “He’s an atheist because he’s so smart.” 2) With God removed, we will finally move forward with science and technology, and 3) “Christianity represses people; without Christian and its outdated morals, people will be happier and freer.” Which of these have you dealt with/wrestled with, and what conclusions have you come to?
3. The sermon identified four ways God blesses a society: 1) All people have inherent worth as God’s creation, 2) God commands us to value the most vulnerable, especially children, 3) All humans are under the same authority and will be judged by that authority, and 4) Christian sexual ethics primes a society for optimal function. Which of these do you believe is the biggest blessing God gives us? Why?

LIFE APPLICATION

There is a great deal of rhetoric aimed at our children and young people right now. If you are in a university setting, you are probably dealing with this question all the time. If you are in middle or high school (or if you are a parent of a student) you deal with this as well. It is imperative for the Christian to prepare himself or herself for big questions and issues like these. Not only to be able to give a good answer to atheistic teachers and professors, but also to be able to grow in your own faith. Many young people walk away from the faith, not because of the truth, but because they don't KNOW the truth.

Why do you think, after seeing the failure of atheism time and time again, do people continue to push it as a good thing?

CHALLENGE

It is important that the church (and Christians) put forth the truth. Our society is being lied to, especially our children. What can we do as people to get the truth of atheism, and more importantly, the truth of God out in our communities and schools?