



## DEPRIVED OR DEPRAVED?

### I. Defining our Nature.

#### Key Verses:

Psalm 14:2-3

Isaiah 53:6

Proverbs 14:12

Romans 5:12

**Key Principle:** We are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ creatures at \_\_\_\_\_ with our Creator.

#### Key Consequences:

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_ nature that corrupts \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with sin.
3. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to death.

### II. Facing our Nature.

1. Most of my real problems are \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Depravity wears all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Depravity means we must not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ my depravity is the first step to finding God; \_\_\_\_\_ the depth of my depravity enables me to \_\_\_\_\_ in my relationship with God.
5. Depravity cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ by education, better environment, better self-understanding, or more will power; we must be \_\_\_\_\_ from it.

### ***Discussion Questions:***

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week: Who is a woman you know who could be described by Titus 2:3-5? How has she influenced you?
2. Is the concept of people being basically depraved rather than basically good a paradigm shift for you? If so, how?
3. How would shifting your thinking from “my real problems are out there” to “my real problems are in me” change some of your relationships?
4. What kind of masks have you used to hide your depravity? (education, beauty, personality, religion, achievement, etc.)
5. What attempts have you made to deal with your depravity apart from God? What aspects of your depravity have driven you to God?
6. What does it mean to be “saved” from our depravity? If you have been saved from yours, share your experience/decision.