

Today's Message Outline: Elephant #1

Check your attitude at the door...

- **Carrying Baggage**

- **Finger Wagging**

*"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"
- Matthew 7:3 (ESV)*

- **OK, But**

*"Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, 'We will hear you again about this.'"
- Acts 17:32 (ESV)*

*"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."
- Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)*

Imago Dei

- Genesis 5:3
- Psalm 58:3
- Job 14:4
- Psalm 51:5
- Psalm 139:13

Political, Scientific, or Legal Issue

- Or -

Spiritual and Biblical Issue

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened." - Romans 1:18-21 (ESV)

Elephant in the Room Series / Week 1

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Pray for **God** to do something.

Search your **own** heart.

"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." - Ephesians 5: 11 (ESV)

Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What was one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. Scott asked all of us to "check potential attitudes" at the door. Which of the three attitudes discussed did you possibly need to leave at the door? Why?
3. What are your family's views on today's sermon topic? Your friends? America's? Yours?
4. What do you think the next two topics in this series will be? What is a topic you hope is addressed? Why?
5. What is one thing you may consider doing this week as a result of the message?