

Sermon Follow-up Resources | September 15, 2019

Every week you will find resources on this “Sermon Follow-up” link to help you go deeper with Sunday’s Sermon and the Passages that were addressed.

The Torah—Creation and Rebellion

Focus Passage: Genesis 1–3

Context:

Other Passages Referenced: Gal 3:27;

Sermon Recap: Genesis 1 – 3 introduce us to God who is one God in three persons— Father, Son (the Word) and Holy Spirit. We see God as personal (relational), powerful, purposeful, perfect, present, and gracious. As bearers of God’s image, humans were created to be relational and purposeful. Part of that purpose was to reflect God’s image and glory like an angled mirror, positioning ourselves so that all of creation sees a reflection of Him. Humans initially enjoyed a right relationship with God, with one another, and with the rest of creation. However, all changed when they chose to rebel against God’s instruction by overruling His will with their own. Gen 1–3 can be summarized by “There is a God of this universe and you are not Him.” When we place our will over His will, we are in rebellion and essentially committing idolatry—treating good things as God-things. The solution to our problem of rebellion/sin/idolatry is to “put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

Notable Sermon Quotes

“When God says, ‘don’t,’ He is actually saying, “Don’t, because you’ll hurt yourself if you do.”

“Rebellion leads to rupture.”

“There is a God of this universe and you are not Him.”

“What is an idol? ... Anything you seek to give you what only God can give.”—Tim Keller

Grow: *Listening to and Learning from God’s Word*

Read/Consult Genesis Chapters 1 – 3 and the Fall Chapel-wide Study Guide.

1. Were there any parts of the passages that you found hard to understand?
2. Can you give a synopsis of each of the stories in your own words?
3. Did you see human rebellion or idolatry in any of the passages?
4. Did you see God's judgment of rebellion in any of the passages?
5. Did you see God's love and grace in any of the passages?
6. Can you see how any of the passages relate to other passages you have studied?
7. Do you see any ways in which any of the passages have connections to Jesus in the New Testament?
8. Are there any promises in the passages we need to remember and trust?
9. Are there any commands in the passages we need to obey?

Serve: *Serving King Jesus and Others By Living Out and Letting Others Know God's Word*

1. What do you think about the idea that God created you to glorify and please Him by creating culture that reflects His image?
2. Would you ask God's Spirit to reveal any ways you lack love for others created in His image and then commit to act on what He shows you? (Other races, nationalities, or people who hold very different views on religion, politics, or life?)
3. We saw that God spoke creation into existence by the power of His words. We also saw that distrusting and disobeying God's words had devastating consequences. Can you see applications to your own experience? Are there parts of God's word that you doubt or distrust? What would help you have more confidence in God's word?
4. In Matthew 4 (Story 55 of the E100), we see that Jesus, as the second Adam, was also tempted by Satan. Instead of doubting God's word, Jesus quoted Scripture in responding to Satan. Can you think of Scriptures that speak to particular areas of temptation in your life that you could trust in your responses to temptation?
5. Can you identify consequences of rebellion/sin in your life that mirror those of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 — shame, fear, estranged relationships, blaming others for your failings, trying to hide yourself, trying to dominate or control others, etc.?
6. Will you use the following "I will ..." statement to live out what you've listened to and learned from? ... "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will _____ to live out God's word."
7. Will you use the following "I will ..." statement to let others know something you've listened to and learned from God's word? ... "With the Holy Spirit's help, I will share something from God's word with _____."

Further Resources

- Illustrations and quotes from the sermon can be found on the "Sermon Slides" link at the bottom of www.wcchapel.org
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