

Sunday, March 10, 2019 - "A Church Without Curtains REMIX - Week 3" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Genesis 3:1-15, Isaiah 14:3-14

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- The story in Genesis 3 is familiar BUT familiarity breeds complacency and complacency is a cancer to growth
- Story of the fall of man - This story is not a parable or an allegory but actual history
  - Adam is part of the lineage of Jesus/ the apostle Paul uses Adam to explain the human condition
  - Adam sinned but Jesus didn't
- The story is not normal though
  - A talking snake!!! to start
  - The serpent is Satan (a real snake taken over by Satan) Isaiah 14:3-14
  - Satan wanted to be LIKE GOD (v5)
  - Fall of Satan and the fall of man are the same in that we want to be like God or be God instead of worshipping Him
- Where in your life are you desiring to be God? (there is a difference between living like Jesus and wanting to be like God)
- Satan has a way of twisting the truth (he did this in the garden using a snake, and he did it with Jesus)
  - He will miss use the word of God
  - v4: Lie = You will not die Truth = Your eyes and ears will be open and know good and evil
  - Satan's desire is that we will not be in God's word but he will also try and trick you by twisting the very words of God
  - We need to slow down (What is true, what is right?) when making decisions and have situations before us
- What was it like for humans at creation
  - No death, no storms, no friction → environmental and relational perfection
  - They worked but it was not like it is now (work was fun and gave them life)
  - v17-19: work is hard now
  - They spent time with God at the end of the day (no curtains, no shame/guilt)
  - Perfection wasn't enough for them
  - They were ungrateful → sin → guilt and shame → they hid
- How does God respond?
  - He doesn't scream or rage. No thunder or lightning. He is not saying "After all I have done for you."
  - God asks why Adam was hiding
  - Adam responds with an emotion and a behavior (I was afraid so I hid) → God has inner healing for us
  - God is walking through the garden pursuing us, looking for us, and inviting us to walk with him
  - He wants us to be free from guilt and shame and in full relationship with Him

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is God revealing that is new to you about the story of the fall of man?
2. What are the areas of your life where you are desiring to be like God instead of worshipping and following Him?
3. What does God's response to Adam and Eve reveal to you about Him? How does this shape your view of Him?
4. When was a time where you were aware that Satan was twisting scripture to confuse you or hurt you?
5. How is God calling you to come and walk with Him in the garden?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Tues: Psalm 91 Wed: Romans 10:5-13 Thurs: Luke 4:1-13 Fri: Hebrews 10:1-10

Songs from the weekend:[In Jesus' Name- *Israel Houghton*] - [Raise A Hallelujah - *Bethel Music*] - [Tremble - *Mosaic MSC*] - [Surrounded (Fight My Battles - *Upper Room*)]