

Sunday, August 21, 2022 - "Guest Speaker" - Andrew Scott

Key Passages: Genesis 1:26-27, Ephesians 2:10

- 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

- God doesn't want to be PART of our story. He has one story and has invited ALL of us into it.
- No one is excused or excluded from the story of God
- We have distorted or incomplete visions of who we are → We have a diminished life
- We may be thinking that we are not: worthy, called, or able to participate in God's story
- Genesis 1:26-27 (one of the most important truths for us to believe)
  - Mentioned 3 times in then Bible = PAY ATTENTION
  - You were made in the image of God
  - In history only kings and queens were believed to be made in the image of God...this said EVERYONE is (life changing)
- Image of God (bore His image + sons and daughters of God)
  - Identity/**Who** (sons and daughters)
    - Every person meant to be in relationship with God
    - To experience his Love
    - Restored to the original intent through Jesus
  - Purpose/**Why** (representatives of God)
    - Not just for a few
    - All humanity was made to represent God
  - Role/**How**
    - Take what he brought into being and move it forward
    - Bring good out of creation...work so that people could know God
- Ephesians 2:10
  - He thought go good works for us to do before he made us
  - THEN he made us so that we could do those good works
- S.H.A.P.E.
  - Spiritual Gifts
  - Heart (what upsets you about the world, what we want to see more of)
  - Abilities
  - Personality
  - Experience
- Mandate/**Where** (start where you are, the whole Earth to know how we care for and cultivate what God created)
- Where our passions and abilities overlap is the most brilliant reflection of God
- The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is God restating his original mandate
- The question is not "Am worthy, called, able?" ...the questions is "Am I Willing?"
  - Everything we have into God's hands
  - Find out how he shaped you in and live it out

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

1. How have your distorted or incomplete visions of who you are diminished your life?
2. What does it mean to you personally that you are made in the image of God?
3. How has God represented himself through you in the past?
4. What does it look like for you to bring God's creation forward in the places and spaces you frequent?
5. How has God S.H.A.P.Ed you? (Spiritual gifts, Abilities, Heart (passions), Personality, Experience)
6. When have you experienced the way God made you impacting the things he prepared for you to do?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

**\*\*Psalms Plus 30 Reading Plan\*\***

Mon: Psalm 22,52,82,112,142 Tues: Psalm 23,53,83,113,143 Wed: Psalm 24,54,84,114,144 Thurs: Psalm 25,55,85,115,145 Fri: Psalm 26,56,86,116, 146

Songs from the weekend: [In Jesus' Name - *Israel Houghton*] - [Reason to Praise - *Bethel Music*] - [Reckless Love - *Cory Asbury*] - [Showing Me Mercy - *Norflette Shumake*] - [We Fall Down - *Chris Tomlin*]