

Sunday, October 7, 2023 - "Genesis - Week 3 - It Is All About Worship" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Genesis 2, Genesis 3, John 14:15, 24, Luke 22:26

- 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

- Genesis 2/3 - the gospel only makes sense when we see through the lease of Genesis
- Story fo Adam and Eve is repeated over and over in our own lives
- Genesis 2:15 - work (tend the garden → worship or serve (treasure)
  - Work is meant to be fruitful and enjoyable (an act of worship)
  - We are created to worship in all things...an appropriate response to all God has done
- Genesis 2:7 - Readers would have read and understood as a potter making art
  - Life/breath = a gift from God
  - Breath of life → breath of soul
- Genesis 2:18 - "helper" used to demean/oppress/ban
  - Not correct...rest of scripture talks about God as our helper (Psalm 20:2, Psalm 30:20, Psalm 70:5)
  - We need women in all their strength, gifting and wisdom
- Genesis 2:16-17
  - God creates boundaries so love and worship can be authentic...it requires a choice
  - Authentic worship requires obedience...every temptation is an opportunity to choose God, to worship
- Satan's scheme (Genesis 3:1) is to plant doubt in 1. God's word 2. God's goodness
- What is we saw the boundary as an opportunity?
  - John 14:15, 24
  - "Anytime we ignore the boundaries, isolation, chaos and pain will follow" - Doug Kempton
- Genesis 3:8 - they hide
- God responds
  - 3:9 - Where are you? (not that He didn't know)
  - 3:11 - Who told you? Did you eat? (not for clarity)
  - To get to the heart of the matter
  - God pursues them and finds them in their hiding...before they repent
- Amidst God's redemption is a hight cost
  - Pain in childbirth, conflict in marriage, abuse of power (opportunities to worship)
  - Leadership in the world vs. the kingdom...couldn't be more different
  - Luke 22:26 - "Not-so-with-you" way of living
  - Genesis 3:17-19 - work is hard but can still be worship
- Amidst the fall, the greatest promise ever given

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

1. How has God helped you to view work as worship?
2. When was a time that your work was fruitful; and or enjoyable?
3. What does it look like for you to see boundaries as opportunities?
4. When did ignoring the boundaries cause isolation, pain or chaos in your life?
5. Where is God making a boundary really clear to you right now?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

**Songs from the weekend:**

[Mountaintops - *The Belonging Co.*] - [Graves Into Gardens - *Elevation Worship*] - [Good Good Father - *Housefires*] - [Jireh - *Elevation Worship*]