

At Work With God-Part 1: Study Notes

Sermon Notes:

last week we talked about God's ultimate desire for us is relationship with Him. His desire is to be with us.

Now it is easy to take that and assume that the things we do don't matter or that God doesn't care about work. Work and Relationship or work and being together are not mutually exclusive things. They both matter and can happen at the same time. When we talk about our work we are talking about now. How we live and what we do with our time now, but

Our understanding of the past and our view of the future affects our now

Passage: Genesis 2:8-9

A garden is cultivated and tended to. The forest or jungle is beautiful as well, but it is not like a garden. A garden requires a gardener. A garden requires attention and someone to work it.

Passage: Genesis 2:15

God's intention from the beginning was to work with mankind to govern this place. but Eden wasn't a place for humans to just stay. Eden was supposed to be more like a base camp for them to expand Eden to cover the face of the earth.

Passage: Genesis 1:28

Adam and Eve lived in a world of Abundance and Harmony. They had work to do yes, but it wasn't a striving. They lived in perfect harmony with creation. Then it all went wrong. The bible tells us that the garden was lost and the harmony between mankind and creation was lost when humanity rebelled against God

Passage: Genesis 3:17-19

They left abundance and peace and walked into a world where people would sense scarcity and fear. The bible in some ways is a documentation of us walking away from those original purposes and God's long journey in guiding us back to that.

Passage: Revelation 21:1-2

John was revealing a coming age where God would once again dwell with his people and many of the qualities of Eden would be restored.

The world won't just be eden restored, but eden fulfilled.

The big debate over the centuries has been, how do we get there?

That you will have to wait until next week when we continue.

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. What were some of your highlights or maybe lowlights of your summer?
2. If you could predict the future what is something you see happening or a new technology you see developing?

Study & Discussion:

In last weeks Sunday message it was said:

[Our understanding of the past and our view of the future affects our now.](#)

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? How so?

Read together: Genesis 1:26-30, 2:15-17

In verse 26 God decides to make humanity to be like Him. In what ways did God make us like Him?

If Adam and Eve (humanity) had never sinned how do think history would have played itself out?

Read together: Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27

In your experience what has been the christian message about the future of the world?

In Revelation, rather than seeing people ascending into heaven, John sees the city of God descending to earth. How is this significant? How might this challenge assumptions about the future?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each others individual needs? Also.....
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?