



Sermon Notes

Text: Genesis 2:4-25

Intro:

This Sunday we continued on in our series on Genesis: The Story of All Stories. Chapter 2 jumps into another account of creation. Initially, this could be confusing as we just heard about how God created everything in chapter 1. But if we take a step back, we can see that chapter 2 is telling the story of creation from a different perspective.

Chapter 1 sees the act of creation from “up above” where we see the big broad strokes of creation, the power of God and creation through simple speech.

Chapter 2 looks at the act of creation from “down below” where we see the minute details of creation and that God is intimately involved in every detail.

This change in perspective gives us a better understanding of who God is. This then helps us to better understand who we are as beings created in the image of God.

Here are 4 things we learn about God in Genesis 2:

- i. We see God being creative
- ii. We see God being present
- iii. We see God being kind of human?
- iv. We see God focusing on & prioritizing relationships in His creation

4 Key Relationships:

There are four key relationships outlined in Genesis 2 for us to take special note of:

1. Our Relationship with the Earth

We have a responsibility to tend and watch over the earth.

2. Our Relationship with Others

We were designed to live in relationship with others. It is not good for man or woman to be alone.

3. Our Relationship with Ourselves

Adam and Eve lived free of shame. God created us to have a healthy relationship with ourselves where we live in freedom, not shame.

4. Our Relationship with God

All authority that we have comes from God. We didn't earn it ourselves. But God also wants to be near us. He wants to know His creation!

Conclusion:

All of us are broken. None of us are able to live these four relationships perfectly. So let's intentionally be aware of how we need to grow and change, and then invite the Holy Spirit to grow us.

Connect Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What is the weirdest thing you have created?
2. Do you enjoy any of the activities that we saw God doing in chapter 2? (Ex. Pottery, gardening, gathering animals, or being an anesthesiologist or surgeon.)

Prayer:

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Genesis 2:4-25. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. How do chapter 1 and 2 of Genesis portray creation differently? Is there a chapter that you prefer?
3. What do you think it looks like to tend & watch over creation?
4. How can we intentionally prioritize living in relationship/community with others when our society celebrates individuality?
5. What would it feel like to live free of all shame?
6. Genesis 2 presents God as an authority over us as well as someone who wants to be near us. What does that image remind you of?