

Group Check-In

Care When Tough Things Happen

Remind each other of the second group purpose to *care when tough things happen*.

Ask if anyone has had a tough week and how you can support / care for them.

Offer encouragement, comfort, or challenge depending on the situation and pray for each person who shares by name.

Discussion Questions

Sin's Destruction

As a group, discuss *examples* of sin's destruction from each category used in the sermon:

- Relationship with God
- Understanding of who you are
- Relationships with others
- Mission God gave us
- Our bodies

Of these categories, where do you see the destructive impact of sin *most* in your life? Do any immediately stand out to you?

Tarnished Relationships

In Genesis 3:16 we see the consequence being tarnished relational roles where Eve “desires” (to master) her husband and he “rules” over her. In other words, the sinful attitude is for Eve to *undermine* authority and Adam to *abuse* authority

- How have you seen this play out in your experience?
- What was the *original* intent?
 - What did Pastor Jonathan mean by “submission competition” versus a “control competition”?
- See also Genesis 4:7 (for help understanding the meaning of the word “desire”) and Ephesians 5:21-32 (for a redeemed view of marriage relationship)

Gospel Hope

How can the compassion and/or redemption plan of God be seen in the following verses:

- Genesis 3:9
- Genesis 3:15
- Genesis 3:21
- Genesis 3:22-24

Our Response to Sin

What is your predominant feeling when discussing sin? Shame? Condemnation? Pain?

- Does how you feel about your sin match up with how Jesus views your sin?
(See Romans 8 and 1 John 1:9)
- Can you accept this truth or do you rebel against this grace and forgiveness? Do you really know better than Him?

Our Response to Freedom

Read Romans 6:1-4; 20-22.

- Does your life reflect the freedom we have because of Christ? Or are you still living as if sin has its hold on you? In other words, have you resigned yourself to sin and its bondage or are you living free in Christ?