

Date: 6/4/23 Sermon: The Vocation of Priesthood Sermon: Ted Rastatter Questions: John Brewer

As a part of our series focused on how we saturate our community with the Gospel, the focus of this week's sermon was the vocation of priesthood. Ted framed the message around 4 questions:

- What was God's intention for the human vocation in creation?
- What was lost at the fall?
- What was God's plan to redeem that human vocation?
- In light of that redemption, how do we live out our vocation?

Questions:

1. Read Genesis 1:27-28. What was God's intention for the human from the beginning of creation? What does it mean to bear God's image?

2. What was lost at the fall? Reference Genesis 3:22-24 and Romans 3:23.

3. What is sin? Reference Deuteronomy 9:7 and 1 John 3:4.

4. What was God's plan to redeem our vocation? Reference John 1:14, Colossians 1:15-20, and 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.

5. How do we live out our vocation in light of God's redemptive plan? (Reference 1 Peter 2:9)

Exercise 1: Have a few people in your group practice giving the elevator speech of their testimony. Remember from our sermon and discussion last week that our testimony is about what Jesus has done to get to us rather than about what we've done.

Exercise 2: Ted gave us the following practical ways we can live out our vocation:

- Be a good neighbor
- Practice hospitality
- Go to work

With these in mind, discuss some specific ways with your group that you could more intentionally live your priestly vocation, in the coming weeks.