

# ORIGINS

## SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 9:18-29** // <sup>18</sup> The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) <sup>19</sup> These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed. <sup>20</sup> Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup> He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. <sup>22</sup> And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. <sup>23</sup> Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. <sup>24</sup> When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, <sup>25</sup> he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers." <sup>26</sup> He also said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. <sup>27</sup> May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant." <sup>28</sup> After the flood Noah lived 350 years. <sup>29</sup> All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

### The Persistence of Sin

#### Genesis 9:18-29

How do you overcome despair when your sin persists?

I. Why does sin persist?

A. Sin is birthed out of good (v. 18-20; Gen. 5:29)

B. Sin feeds on sin (v. 22, 24; Gal. 6:1-2)

II. Why won't sin persist forever?

A. The covering of Shem (v. 23; 1 Pet. 4:8)

B. The greater Shem (v. 25-27; Heb. 12:2)

### APPLICATION GUIDE

1. How does understanding that sin is birthed out of something good affect the way you handle and view your sin?
2. Why do you find joy and satisfaction in someone else's sin and failure?
3. In what ways do you medicate a primary sin issue with a secondary sin issue? In other words, how does sin feed on sin in your life?
4. Empowered by Jesus bearing your sin and shame, what opportunities do you have to cover the sin and shame of others? What does this look like?

## MISSIONARY PRAYER // MISSION TO THE WORLD



Mission to the World (MTW) is the mission sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America of which Christ Church East is a member, advancing church planting movements in strategic areas worldwide resulting in mature churches and equipped leaders among every people.

MTW sends nearly 700 Christian workers to 97 countries all over the world who are committed to the establishment, growth, and maturity of the church. All that we do flows into, rests within, or flows out of the local church. MTW has a diverse platform for missions: mission trips, vision trips, summer internships, long term missions, medical missions, disaster assistance and business as missions. Each is explained in detail on their website [www.mtw.org](http://www.mtw.org). MTW asks "What could happen if every PCA church committed to send an additional 1% of their members to missions?" Answer: we could deploy an additional 3,004 missionaries across the globe.

God works through the prayers of His people: "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." — John 14:13. The following are some recent prayer requests for various corners of the world from their website [www.mtw.org/pray](http://www.mtw.org/pray):

- Pray today for Spain and the work of MTW missionaries there. Pray that God would draw many to Himself during this pandemic.
- Pray for MTW missionaries as they adapt to ministry in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, and for God to draw people to Himself.
- Pray for those of different faiths to be drawn to the truth of Jesus Christ in this time of crisis and chaos.
- Pray for children in Haiti who have recently found Christ and come out of Voodoo, a prominent religion practiced by many Haitian families.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

### How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // MAY 4 - 10

Day	Date	Read
Mon	5/4/20	Acts 25-26, Psalm 20
Tues	5/5/20	Acts 27:1-28:16, Psalm 21
Wed	5/6/20	Acts 28:17-30, Psalm 22
Thurs	5/7/20	Catch-up Day, Psalm 23
Fri	5/8/20	Catch-up Day, Psalm 24
Sat	5/9/20	Romans 1:1-17, Psalm 25
Sun	5/10/20	Romans 1:18-2:29, Psalm 26