

ORIGINS

SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Genesis 3:14-24 // ¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." ¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." ²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Hope in the Struggle

Genesis 3:14-24

Why is life hard and what is your hope in the struggle?

I. Why is life hard?

- A. Relational chaos (v. 16b; Gen. 4:7)
- B. Spiritual chaos (v. 14-15)
- C. Physical chaos (v. 16a, 17-19)

II. What is your hope in the struggle?

- A. Promise of God (v. 15)
- B. Grace of God (v. 20-22)
- C. Power of God (v. 23-24)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. How do you relate to the pain and struggle that Adam and Eve experience as a result of their sin (verses 14-19)?
2. When life is hard, what is your natural response? Do you tend towards idealism or cynicism? What does this look like?
3. In your struggle, how have you been comforted by the promise, grace, and/or power of God?
4. What is undermining your hope? How is Jesus restoring your hope?

MISSIONARY PRAYER // SEAMARK RANCH - GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future, by providing housing and hope for at risk children. Located on a beautiful 468-acre campus near Green Cove Springs, the ranch provides an ideal setting for love, stabilization, healing, education and empowerment, through a specialized residential school and the lessons of life learned working in a farm community. Seamark Ranch incorporates a stable, loving family environment, an on-campus school and a working farm and equine program to equip children with life skills to become productive members of our community.



There are so many ways to help Seamark Ranch. Chances are if you enjoy a particular task, they will have a way for you to help. They have opportunities during the week as well as a dedicated Volunteer Project Day one Saturday each month. They need help in the school, stables, barn, or garden; in the home such as cooking meals for families; as well as a variety of Administrative functions. Volunteer hours may be flexible between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday. Other than special projects and volunteer days, a commitment to the same time and day each week is required. For regular volunteers, an in-depth background screening is required. Please email volunteer@seamarkranch.com or call (904) 529-1951 so that they can learn about you and you can learn more about their needs.

Seamark also has several upcoming events at the Ranch (3631 Seamark Ranch Road, FL-16, Green Cove Springs) including the Seventh Annual Seamark MudRun on April 25, 2020. For more information go to their website at <https://www.seamarkranch.com> under the events page.

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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 // MARCH 2-8

Day	Date	Read
Mon	3/2/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 141
Tues	3/3/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 142
Wed	3/4/20	Luke 1, Psalm 143
Thurs	3/5/20	Luke 2, Psalm 144
Fri	3/6/20	Luke 3:1-4:13, Psalm 145
Sat	3/7/20	Luke 4:14-44, Psalm 146
Sun	3/8/20	Luke 5:1-6:11, Psalm 147