

Mosaic

Week 2: Fractured

Objective: To help us recognize that God has drawn near to us in Jesus and He offers to redeem and restore us.

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever looked at something—a picture, a room, a machine, a project—and immediately thought, “**Something isn’t right here**”, even before you could identify exactly what was wrong?

- What eventually gave the problem away?
- Was fixing it easier or harder than identifying that something was wrong?

1. “This Isn’t How It Was Supposed to Be”

The sermon began with something most people instinctively recognize: **something has gone wrong with the world.**

We see brokenness in relationships, bodies, families, communities, and even within ourselves.

- Where do you most readily recognize the brokenness of our world?
- Why is it easier to identify brokenness *around* us than brokenness *within* us?
- How does Genesis 1’s declaration that creation was originally “**very good**” help explain our sense that things aren’t the way they were meant to be?

2. Sin Begins with Distrust

Read **Genesis 3:1–5.**

The serpent’s first strategy wasn’t convincing Adam and Eve that God didn’t exist. It was convincing them that **God couldn’t be trusted.**

- How does the serpent distort God’s character and His words?
- Why is distrust of God such a powerful temptation?
- Where do you see the same basic temptation today: “**God may not know what’s best for me, so I need to take control**”?
- Where are you personally most tempted to believe that?

3. Sin Promises More Than It Delivers

Read **Genesis 3:6–8.**

The serpent promised that eating the fruit would give Adam and Eve something better. Instead, they discovered shame, fear, hiding, and separation.

The sermon put it this way:

“Sin promised to make them more, but it left them diminished. Sin promised independence, but it produced isolation. Sin promised freedom, but it introduced fear and death.”

- Why is sin often attractive before we experience its consequences?
- Where have you seen sin promise freedom but ultimately create greater bondage?
- Why do we continue reaching for things that we know cannot deliver what they promise?

4. The Fracture Goes Everywhere

The sermon described sin’s effects in four directions:

God and humanity: separation and hiding

Within ourselves: shame and fear

With others: blame and conflict

With creation: struggle, decay, and death

- Which of those fractures is easiest for you to recognize?
- How do those different kinds of brokenness affect one another?
- How does this larger picture change the way you think about sin?

5. “Where Are You?”

Read **Genesis 3:8–9.**

Adam and Eve hide, but God comes looking for them.

God knows where Adam is. His question—“**Where are you?**”—is an invitation to come out of hiding.

- What does God’s response to Adam and Eve reveal about His character?
- Why is hiding such a natural response to guilt and shame?
- What are some ways we hide from God today?
- What might it look like to stop hiding and answer God’s invitation honestly?



6. The First Glimmer of Restoration

Read **Genesis 3:14–15**.

The picture has barely been fractured before God begins revealing that evil will not have the final word.

- What does this tell us about God's response to human rebellion?
- Why is it significant that God begins pursuing restoration before humanity can repair what it has broken?
- How does this promise begin pointing the larger biblical story toward Jesus?

7. “The Kingdom of God Has Come Near”

Read **Mark 1:14–15**.

After centuries of waiting, Jesus arrives announcing:

“The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

- What is Jesus announcing when He says God's Kingdom has come near?
- How do Jesus' healings, forgiveness, welcome of outsiders, deliverance of the oppressed, and raising of the dead demonstrate restoration?
- How is this bigger than simply saying, “Jesus helps me become a better person”?

8. Stop Hiding and Let Jesus Restore

Jesus calls for two responses:

REPENT: Stop insisting that we know better than God and change direction.

BELIEVE: Trust that Jesus is willing and able to do what we cannot do for ourselves.

- Where are you most tempted to say, **“God, I'll handle this part myself”**?
- Is there something you've been trying to hide, manage, excuse, or repair on your own?
- What would repentance look like in that area?
- What would it look like to actually trust Jesus with it?

FINAL THOUGHT

The Bible begins with a beautiful picture. God's creation was **very good**. But humanity distrusted the Artist and tried to rearrange the picture for itself. The result was fracture—between us and God, within ourselves, between one another, and throughout creation.

But God did not abandon His work. When humanity hid, **God came looking**. When sin fractured the picture, **God promised restoration**. And eventually Jesus stepped into our broken world announcing: **“The Kingdom of God has come near.”**

We don't have to pretend we're not broken. And we don't have to repair ourselves before coming to Him. The Artist has not abandoned His work.

WHAT SIN HAS FRACTURED, JESUS IS RESTORING.

THIS WEEK — COME OUT OF HIDING

This week, don't try to repair the entire picture. Identify one place where Jesus is inviting you to let His restoration begin.

RECOGNIZE

“Where can I see the fracture in my own life?”

Don't begin with someone else's brokenness. Ask God to show you yours.

COME OUT

What have you been hiding because of shame, fear, pride, or the desire to remain in control?

Name it honestly before God.

REPENT

“Where am I still insisting that I know better than God?”

Choose one concrete step that changes your direction.

BELIEVE

Entrust that area to Jesus.

Remind yourself:

The good news isn't that I can repair myself. The good news is that the King has come—and He restores broken things.

Carry this prayer with you this week:

Jesus, help me stop hiding. Show me where I need to repent, give me the faith to trust You, and begin restoring what sin has fractured in me.

