Reflecting on The Story of Scripture: Redemption January 13, 2019

Series Overview

For our Sunday School discussions, we are using some material from a Bible study titled, *The Story of the World* published by Campus Outreach Raleigh. The full version of this material is available for public use, and you are encouraged to use it for a four-week Bible Study of your own. Please see Pastor Jeremy for more resources on this topic or with any questions.

Introduction to This Week's Study

At the end of last week's study on the fall of man, we established that humanity was in desperate need for a savior. In particular, someone unaffected by the curse of sin and someone fully content with God's goodness would have to enter the scene. We find this person in Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

 According to James 2:10, what is the standard of obedience that God's law demands? What does Romans 3:10-18 state very clearly about our ability to meet this standard?

2. What Scripture can you (and your group) come up with to support the fact that Jesus (and He alone) can satisfy the demands of God's law (i.e., *justification*)?

3. Consider God's promise to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15 and John's description of Jesus in chapter 1, verse 14 of his gospel. Why was it so important that Jesus be fully God and fully man?

4. According to Romans 5:2-3, and 11, what ought to be the believer's response to receiving peace with God through Jesus? How has this response been evidenced in your own life?

5. We have sought to establish from the opening of our study that God is good. How does the cross exemplify this aspect of God's character? Specifically, how does the cross show that God is just, merciful and loving?

6. In Romans 5:11, Paul also establishes that believers have received *reconciliation* with God. This means that we are, "brought back into relationship with God," though we were previously alienated from Him because of sin. According to Ephesians 2:11-22, how does this ministry of reconciliation impacts our relationship with other people?

7. How does redemption's work of reconciliation heighten the importance for community through the local church? (See Ephesians 4:1-16 and Hebrews 10:19-25)

8. Redemption means to buy back. How does Christ's purchase of our salvation take us back to creation and reiterate His role as our Lord? Why is this important?

9. How does our Lord's example actually lead us to humility? (See Philippians 2:11.)