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Paradise Lost and Found (#1 of 11) June 25, 2017

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 - In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
 - How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

- 2) What did you find most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in this message?

- 3) What qualities are most important to you when you think about “home”? Which of those qualities do you most long to experience on a broader scale in our world?

- 4) Discuss how the story of Adam and Eve, along with Christ, answers the “Four Big Questions” that were raised during the message (Origin, meaning, morality, destiny).
 - Where do you lack clarity in the Bible’s answer to these questions?
 - Why is it important that someones worldview be cohesive and coherent?
 - Who do you know that doesn’t see the need for God that you could use these questions to spark a discussion with? How could you go about a conversation like that in a respectful and loving way?

- 5) Read Romans 5:12-20. In what ways is Christ the “true and better Adam?”

- 6) In what areas of life are you currently failing to experience what is available to all who are “in Christ?” Where is Christ offering to move you *from* and *to*?
 - (e.g. from independence to Christ-dependence, from doubt to trust, from fear to peace, from guilt to confidence, from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, etc).



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

Paradise Lost and Found: Adam and Eve

With Aaron Richert
June 25, 2017



"There's no place like home."

Life's Four Big Questions:

◆ **ORIGIN:** Where do I come from?

Genesis 1:1, 26
Genesis 2:7-8

◆ **MEANING:** What gives life meaning?

Genesis 1:28

◆ **MORALITY:** How do I separate right from wrong?

Genesis 2:16-17
Genesis 3:15

◆ **DESTINY:** What is the end of all of this?

Genesis 3:23-24

Romans 5:12-19

¹²When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. ¹³Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. ¹⁴Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. ¹⁵But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁶And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. ¹⁷For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

◆ **Christ is the TRUE and BETTER Adam.**

Big Idea: Only in CHRIST are we ever truly HOME.