

SERMON: Living Under Grace

November 11, 2018

SERIES: Genesis the Beginning of the Gospel

SPEAKER: Pastor Brady

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 8:20-9:29

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Living in God's Redemptive Plan
- II. Living in Two Kingdoms
- III. Living Under Grace

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Grace is unmerited favor. It is God's "one-way," unconditional love toward us. Where do you see grace in Genesis 8:20-9:28?
2. We've said that the Bible shows the Creation – Fall – Redemption pattern.
 - Where do we see this pattern in Genesis chapter 9 (think about how Genesis 9 seems to repeat Genesis 1-3)?
 - How does this pattern encourage you?
 - How does this pattern point to Christ?
3. As Christians we live under both the Noahic Covenant and the New Covenant.
 - The Noahic Covenant: the common kingdom – family, government, natural order.
 - The New Covenant: the redemptive Kingdom – the church.

What are some of the implications of living in these two kingdoms for us as Christians? How should we keep them separate? How should our Christian faith impact how we live in the common kingdom? (Think about living as exiles).
4. The rainbow reminds us that we live under grace – the common grace of the Noahic Covenant and the saving grace of the New Covenant. How aware are you each day of God's grace in your life? What might help you to be more aware of his grace each day?
5. Read Romans 5:8-17. How does this passage encourage you in the abundance of God's grace? How does it describe blessings that are much better than those of the Noahic Covenant? Focus on 5:17. What does it mean to you to know that you "reign in life" with Christ?

Pray: Praise God for both his common grace and his saving grace. Confess any ways that you may be resisting or rejecting his grace. Ask God, by his Spirit, to bring to mind the truth of his abundant grace in Christ.