

A First Church Christmas: An Ancient Christmas - "The First Gospel."

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-15

Questions

1. The Gospel is seamlessly threaded through the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. In vs. 15, God foretells Jesus.
 - Is this new knowledge to you?
 - If not, share when you learned all scripture is connected to share the Good News of God's love and how your faith was impacted.
2. Main Idea: "Jesus Undid Everything Sin Ruined." When God placed a choice for obedience in front of Adam and Eve, He was setting in motion His plan to defeat Evil once and forever. The first Gospel was then spoken by God to Satan when he cursed him in vs 14-15 and spoke of His ultimate victory in the end.
 - What symbols of defeat did God use when He cursed Satan?
 - Share any verses that come to your mind proclaiming God's victory that have helped you through challenges and Satan's lies.
3. "Sin Ruined Creation." Because of the actions of the serpent, sin ruined creation.
 - God has a plan to bring all of creation back to its original purpose. How is that different for the curse God spoke to Satan?
4. "Sin Ruined Humanity." There is now war between Satan and mankind...between Satan and the woman. Physical and spiritual death enter our everyday existence.
 - In your experience with losing someone you love, how has it challenged or altered your faith? Were there doubts? How did you overcome them?
 - How is physical and spiritual death different?
5. "Sin Destroyed by Jesus." Jesus took all sins upon himself, suffered for us and defeated Satan. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, He changes our life.
 - What is the significance of Jesus bruising Satan's head, and Satan bruising Jesus' heel? (vs 15)
 - Share how Jesus changed your life, or where you might be without him.
 - Like the steel cross found in the rubble after 9/11, has God ever sent you a sign in the midst of a trial that you knew was from Him to encourage you to keep going?
6. End in prayer thanking God for His unending love, the gift of salvation and His victory over Satan. May we look at Christmas with fresh eyes of God's gift to mankind.
7. ** Challenge for the week: Find and memorize a Bible verse that encourages you to stand strong in the battles in life knowing our God is victorious!!