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Topic : God and Man

Passage : Genesis 1 and 2

Do now, before the sermon: Question 1

After the sermon: Discuss questions 2 to 5 with your small group.

Question 1.

What do these terms mean? See Column A, in *Unpack Terms T-Chart*.

Do you agree with the explanation? If you disagree, change it.

Unpack Terms T-Chart

A	B
God: someone who helps me.	God:
Human: unique, story-telling animal; biological biped with advanced capacity for abstract thought and complex language.	Human:
Life: not yet brain dead. Really living is when you do what makes you happy.	Life:
Death: heartbeat stops—physical death.	Death:
Blessing: getting something you really want. E.G., boyfriend, promotion, protection and good health.	Blessing:
The 7th day: my break time when I can finally do what I want.	The 7th day:
Good: not doing bad things that society and culture tell me I shouldn't do.	Good:

Question 2.

Column A and B, in *Unpack Terms T-chart* (on page1):

- A: "All of us think like this", a general understanding that most people hold.
- B: "Biblical meaning"

In column B, write down the *biblical meaning* of each word, as used in Adam's story.

Compare. How does the bible meaning (Column B) overlap with and differ from the usual way we think (column A)?

Question 3.

Why did God create man? Why am I here?

- Like the game, *Taboo*, try not to use the word "relationship" in your answer. (E.G., in last week's sermon on God, Pastor Philip used the word "God-connection" to explain what God intended when He made Man).
- To help you, compare Genesis 1 and 2 with Psalm 8.
Note: In Psalm 8:5 the original Hebrew word was "Elohim" as used in Genesis 1:1.
"Yet you made them only a little lower than God [Elohim] and crowned them with glory and honor." (NLT) (for NIV, refer to footnote)
- (If you have read Psalm 8, you can read Psalm 139 instead, especially Psalm 139:13-18, 23,24.)

Question 4.

For the *Beliefs and Truth T-Chart* on Page 3:

- **Column A, write something you believe about yourself. Evaluate. Is it biblically true?**
- **Column B, write the bible truth that you learned (from Genesis 1 and 2, Psalm 8 or Psalm 139).**
- **Examples are provided. Choose one or write your own.**
- **Read it out loud. Then pray, using the prompts provided.**

Beliefs and Truth T-Chart

Column A: what I believe about myself	Column B: Bible Truth
I have value only if my life is productive (get good results, have an income, have good health)	My life has high value because I am made in the image of God, He took time with me, to form me. He gave me His spirit because He really wanted to spend eternity with me.
I am useless. Even my teacher and my _____ said so. I'm a failure. So just don't try too hard.	God created me for an eternal purpose. I am to rule with Him, share in His glory, and I am part of His big plan—God's kingdom here on earth. God wanted me. He says I am "very good".
<i>It doesn't really matter how I spend my time, how I live my life. Just be happy.</i>	When God breathed His spirit into me, God gave my life a God-sized purpose. I matter. My life matters. My decisions really do matter. I must seek God's will and live in intimacy with Him.
<i>I am all alone. No one cares. I just have to try my best by myself. After all, "God helps those who help themselves."</i>	I am not abandoned. God is here. He made me. He knows me. He is intimately close. God cares. God wants to direct me. God is faithful even if I'm not feeling it right now.

Now pray your Column A and B. Use these prompts to help you:

Father God, I had thought that _____

Now I know _____

I reject the lie that _____

I receive your truth — I am _____

Question 5.

That was Adam's story. Now ask God about **your** story, your life.

- Consider how you schedule your time; what you do with your child daily? When does time with your Creator happen in your home? Where is this time with God on your list of priorities? Planned for first? Or an add-on, tacked on to the end of an already overloaded day? Which meaning (column A or B) are you living out?
- Have you ever talked to your child about the 7th day? Why do we meet with God on the 7th day?
- If you find yourself saying, "No time!"...Consider this: How do you feel about seeing your child (or friend, someone you care about) live out the lies in Column A? Is a Column A life what you want for them?
- What do you want? If you want Column B lives flourishing in the truth of who they are, might the time and work to communicate this truth to them be worth it?
- What do you want to do differently this week?
- Talk to God now and tell Him what you choose. Ask God to help you make Him and his purposes known to your children/mentee (whomever you care about).

Write or draw your commitment here. Take a picture and share it with your cell or mentor or someone who will pray with you for this vision.

