

Going Deeper for November 29, 2009

This section is provided for those who may wish to spend time this week going deeper with the material from the sermon, or for study in small groups. This is an optional opportunity to take the message and internalize and deepen your understanding. Small groups are welcome to do pieces of this as time allows

Read Genesis 2:25 – 3:24 and then read Romans 5.

What is the difference between Genesis 2:25 and 3:7 and 10? What changed in the relationships because of this realization? Do you remember the change in vocabulary for the word “naked?”

What did Adam and Eve try to do to rectify the situation? What did God do in Gen. 3:21-24?

What is death in this context? Is it what most people think of? What does it mean to be truly alive?

How do you see Romans 5 interacting with Genesis 2:25-3:24?

According to Romans 5, how do we have peace with God?

When did God extend His merciful hand to “cover us” and “give us life”?

According to the Old Testament, the cherubim are most prominent for watching over the mercy seat – where the high priest would pour the life-blood of the annual sacrifice of atonement. What do the cherubim do in Genesis 3? How does sacrifice enter into Romans 5?

According to Romans 5, should we fear the wrath of God? Why not? What would this mean to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3?

Romans 5:12-20 compares the fall of Adam and the triumph of Christ. In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different?

How does Romans 5:12-20 help clarify what “death” and “life” are?