

R - Review

A summary of the sermon

Like a bright diamond sitting against a dark cloth only serves to highlight the diamond's beauty and brilliance, so it is with life on this fallen planet. When we open our eyes to the widespread pain, suffering, and evil that permeates the world it can drive us to despair. However, in reality it should only drive us more fervently to the beauty and brilliance of the gospel. We as God's fallen creation have not been left alone to toil in our own misery but God himself entered into the world - in it's messed up condition - and laid down his own life to make all things new. Day in and day out we experience the curse of Adam and Eve as detailed in Genesis 3 - we experience it in the pain and trials of earthly life - and yet, thanks be to God, we can also experience the renewal of all things through Jesus who came to transform this broken planet into the kingdom of God. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

E - Examine

Taking a closer look

- Look at verse 16. Had you ever before thought about what Duane pointed out? That we even enter the world causing pain to another. How does even this point to the world's need for the gospel?
- Look at verses 17-19. How does this passage point to the struggle that all people face at one time or another? How can these struggles help us to worship and seek a Savior?
- Look at verses 20-21. How does this foreshadow the gospel?

C - Chat

Sermon quotes to spur on conversation and interaction

- "The older I get the more I say "Maranatha! (*come Lord Jesus*)."
- "Everything God said would happen in Genesis 3 (after Adam and Eve ate the fruit) is true - we live it every day."

A - Apply

Making the connection from thinking to action

- How did Duane explain the relevance of this passage to our daily lives? How do we experience the curse of Genesis 3? How do we experience the promise of Genesis 3?
- How does the account of the Fall in Genesis 3, further reinforce that the Bible is not a collection of random tales but one, coherent story of salvation?
- How does an honest understanding of the curse that fell on creation in Genesis 3 and a reveling in the promise of God to deliver help us to avoid exhaustion or burnout in our lives?

P - Pray

A time to pray for each other

