

## LORD OF ALL: Midweek Study Recap, Week 1

**Scripture: Genesis 1-3, Matthew 28, and Ephesians 1**

Introduction to the study: God established His Kingdom on earth in Genesis 1 & 2. The result was full flourishing, or shalom. In Genesis 3, sin and death entered the world and it resulted in cosmic brokenness. God sends Jesus to bring cosmic redemption and to fully restore and complete the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus is truly Lord of All.

### Takeaways:

1. **God establishes His Kingdom.** Heaven on earth is experienced in the garden. Full flourishing is experienced by all of creation. This mission of God for his people was to fill the earth with image bearers of the King, and establish his Kingdom throughout the entire earth.
2. **God's people rebel.** Sin and death enter the world and it results in cosmic brokenness. Every relationship is broken: theological, social, physical, and psychological.
3. **God promises a Redeemer.** The world is broken, but God's plan is not. What God begins, He finishes. He will not give up on his mission to establish His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. God sends his son Jesus to redeem and restore what is broken, and make all things new. Cosmic brokenness requires a Cosmic redeemer.
4. **God works through his Church.** All authority in heaven above is given to the church below to be agents of Kingdom renewal. God's people experience the redemption of Christ and then spread it in word and deed. Our original mandate in the garden is redeemed and allows us to fulfill our calling to expand God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth. Everywhere we go we serve as ambassadors to the one who is crowned Lord of All.
5. **Application (why this study matters):**
  1. **Mission of Jesus.** We need to understand the ultimate purpose of Jesus. He doesn't just come to save us and get us to heaven. He comes to be Lord of All. Jesus changes everything.
  2. **Storyline of the Bible.** We need to understand the storyline of the Bible. This study will help us better grasp how God's story begins and ends. It begins with the kingdom established in the garden and ends with the kingdom filling the whole earth.
  3. **Our Story.** We need to understand how God's story shapes our story. If Jesus is concerned with the redemption and renewal of all things, then so should we. The gospel is truly the center of all things. It is the hope of the world.
  4. **Our Purpose.** It clarifies our purpose in life. All followers of Jesus are agents of the Kingdom everywhere they go. At home, at work, in the neighborhood, and in every sphere of culture. We are all in ministry.
  5. **Perspective.** It helps us to have perspective when we experience brokenness.
  6. **Hope.** Knowing how the story ends gives us hope for today.

7. **Lordship of Jesus.** It calls all people to fully surrender to Jesus as Lord of All.

## LORD OF ALL: Midweek Study Recap, Week 2

### “Jesus Restores Our Relationship with God”

**Leaders:** Rob Pacienza and Tim Sansbury, *CRPC Elder and Knox Seminary Provost*

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus has come to make all things new, but this cannot be realized without the redemption and restoration of our relationship with God. This is the relationship that effects all other relationships.....*the vertical impacts the horizontal.*

1. In Genesis 1 and 2, God creates heaven on earth.
  - i. The foundational relationship is between God and humanity.
  - ii. Humanity is the crown jewel of creation, His image bearers.
2. In Genesis 3, humanity rebels and we experience cosmic brokenness.
  - i. Our relationship with God is broken and it effects all others relationships.
  - ii. Losing the presence of God is devastating. (presence = favor and approval)
3. Jesus redeems our relationship with God.
  - i. *Who* Jesus Is and *What* Jesus came to do has always been debated in Church History. The Scriptures give us clarity on this debate.
  - ii. Romans 5:12-21 is a key passage to understand the mission of Jesus and connects us back to Genesis 1 & 2. (Jesus is the New Adam)
4. Jesus will fully restore what was lost in the beginning.
  - i. Revelation 21 & 22 reveals that we will once again experience the full presence of God in the New Heaven and Earth.
  - ii. What God started in the Garden will be completed in the New City.
5. Practical Application
  - i. Sin still effects the Christian (eternally secure, but real consequences)
  - ii. Sin breaks our fellowship with God
  - iii. Abiding in Christ (habits of grace) increases our fellowship with God.

## LORD OF ALL: Midweek Study Recap, Week 3

### “Jesus Restores Our Relationships with Each Other”

**Leaders:** Rob Pacienza and Scotty Smith (Pastor, Author)

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus has come to make all things new, including our relationships with each other. He redeems and restores community.

1. Community and the Storyline of the Bible
  - Creation - We were created for community (Image of God is foundational)
  - Fall - Sin destroys community
  - Redemption - Jesus redeems our capacity for community
  - Consummation - Jesus fully restores community
2. Community Redeemed and Restored
  - We need to understand why relationships are broken and what Jesus has done about it.
  - Ephesians 2:11-22 – Jesus breaks down the “wall of hostility”
  - Revelation 7 – Jesus gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation
3. The Relationship between Gospel and Community
  - The Gospel shapes Community
  - Community shapes growth in the Gospel
4. Fruit of the Gospel-centered Community
  - Honesty
  - Humility
  - Grace
  - Joy

## LORD OF ALL: Midweek Study Recap, Week 5

### “Jesus Restores Our Physical World”

**Leaders:** Rob Pacienza and Brad Schimdt, *Lead Pastor, City Church Fort Lauderdale*

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus has come to make all things new, including our physical world and the work we do in it.

1. The Sacredness of our Physical World
  - Genesis 1 & 2 – God calls His creation “good”
  - The Physical is Sacred – Distinction of a worldview shaped by the Old and New Testament Scriptures
  - God and Humanity are working in the garden – work = worship
2. The Fall Results in the Brokenness of our Physical World and our Work
  - Genesis 3:17-19 – “cursed is the ground”, “thorns and thistles”, “sweat of your face”
  - Everything physical breaks – people, work, societies, culture
3. Jesus Brings Cosmic Redemption
  - “He comes to make His blessings flow – far as the curse is found.”
  - The fulfillment in the New Testament – John 1:14, Matthew 11:5, Acts 1:6-8
4. The Fruit of a Gospel-Centered Life
  - The Physical World Matters
  - Culture needs to be shaped
  - All Work is Sacred
  - What we do today echoes in eternity
5. The Full Restoration of our Physical World
  - Revelation 21 & 22
  - The end of the story impacts our how we live and fulfill our calling