

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

Last week we continued as a church to grasp what it means to Love Jesus, Live like Jesus, and Lead Others to Jesus. Last week Pastor Michael Lee gave us a passionate challenge to invest, invite, and impact three people who need to hear about the love of Jesus. How did it go last week with the names on your impact list? Were you able to invest and pray for any of those people, or invite them to church?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

As we turn our attention this week to opposing injustice, read Genesis 3:1-12 and Genesis 4:1-10 together as a LifeGroup.

As you read these passages of scripture, what words, images, or sentences stand out to you? Spend a couple of minutes making your own observations about the scripture, then share those observations together as a group.

Discussion

Pastor Albert showed us the devastating reality of what happens when Sin grows up. When sin grows up, it looks like injustice. All of the DNA present in the systemic injustice that we see all around us is in the everyday sin we commit all of the time. Our day to day actions are deeply connected to the injustices of our world.

- In Genesis we see that the first problem with Sin is that we began talking to the serpent and bringing our doubts and questions to the serpent instead of God. Satan gets you to doubt what God said, and what God intended. Are there any doubts or questions about God that you're currently wrestling with? Is there a trusted friend, pastor, or spiritual leader who you can discuss your doubts and questions with?

- Sin leads directly to brokenness. Adam and Eve sin, and then insufficiently try to cover their shame on their own with fig leaves. It might not be fig leaves, but today we reach for things like pornography, money, relationships, and status to cover our shame and brokenness. What are you tempted to reach for to cover yourself, and make yourself feel whole?
- When you talk to the serpent, you get language about yourself that never came from God. God says to Adam and Eve, "Who told you that you were naked?" What language and labels are occupying your mind right now? Call them out in your LifeGroup. It could be labels like insecure, ugly, broken, not enough. Do these labels line up with what God would say about you?
- In Genesis 4 we see that sin is crouching at the door. Pastor Albert says "On one side of the door is our sin, on the other side is our anger." And if they get together, they produce something deadly. Cain allows his sin and anger to come together, and it causes death to his brother Abel. Injustice is not just death to you, but death through you. For example; Pastor Albert showed us that lust leads to pornography, and the insatiable demand of pornography leads to human trafficking, and human trafficking takes little boys and girls and locks them into a system of injustice that all starts with the lust in our hearts. How does this vision of an everyday sin that leads to injustice resonate with you? What do you think about that?
- Is there sin in your life that is un-confessed? Is there sin in your life that you're currently hiding? Can you confess those sins in the safety of your LifeGroup right now?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Sin equals brokenness, and brokenness leads to injustice. Jesus Christ has come to turn the equation around. We can now see ourselves through the lens of Christ's righteousness, instead of our sin and brokenness. Now we get to participate in the dismantling of injustice wherever we find it. What are some systems of injustice that God may be calling you to participate in dismantling?
- What's one tangible step you can take this week, to come out of hiding, and into the presence of God?

4. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

**If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Love Justice series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.*