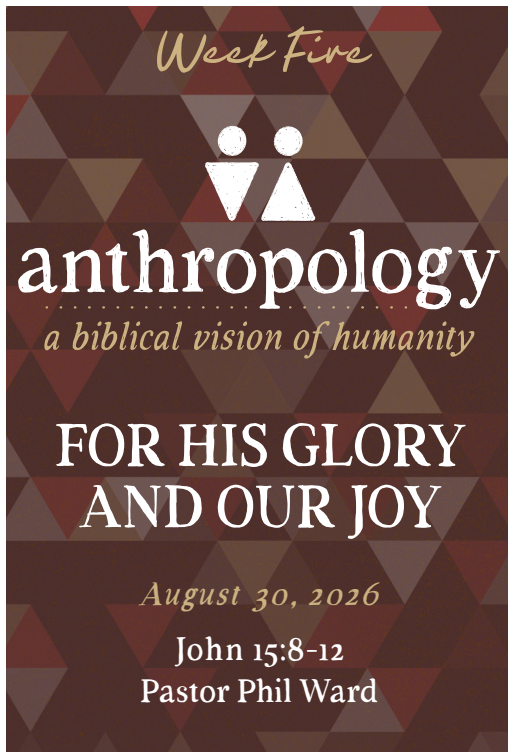




SERMON OUTLINE

notes

I. WE ARE PSYCHOSOMATIC BEINGS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE AS MALE AND FEMALE (Genesis 1:26-28)

- A. As creatures made in God's image, we have inherent limits, obligations, and purposes (**Genesis 1:26-27; Hebrews 4:13**)
- B. As male and female psychosomatic beings, we have a mission that begins in the household and extends outward into all the world (**Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 4:17-22**)

II. OUR PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER (John 15:8-12)

- A. Glorifying God as disciples of Jesus (**John 15:8-10; 12**)

1. To glorify God, we must bear fruit that proves we are Jesus' disciples (**John 15:8; John 15:1-5**)

2. Proof of discipleship is the love we have for one another because we abide in God's love (**John 15:9-10, 12; John 13:35; 1 John 4:9-10, 19**)

3. To love is to "will the good of the beloved" (**1 John 3:14-18; 1 Timothy 1:3-5**)

- B. Jesus' teaching is aimed at the fullness of our joy (**John 15:11; 1 Peter 1:8-10**)

III. WE CAN GLORIFY GOD IN ALL OF LIFE (1 Corinthians 10:31)

- A. No matter what we do, we should aim to glorify God (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)

- B. Our ultimate purpose is to live to the Lord (**Romans 14:8-9**)

John 15:8-12

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. What does it mean to glorify God? What are some examples of what glorifying God could look like?
2. In John 15:1-12, what does it mean to "bear fruit"? Why is bearing fruit that glorifies God impossible to make happen on our own?

? STUDENTS

3. Why does loving one another prove our discipleship to Jesus? What are some important ways to love one another that you can do?

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4. How does God ultimately show His love for us?
5. What is our ultimate purpose as human beings? Why do you think it's important to live with purpose?