



Week 5

Growth Group Opener:

What rule did you dislike as a child/teen that you now understand differently?

Read Genesis 2:1-17

What do you notice about the method in which God created mankind?

How does the description of man's formation shape how you view God's nearness?

How does the creation of man follow the same form and fill pattern God used throughout the rest of creation? How does it differ from the rest?

How does the Lord still use similar methods to form his people today?

Notice the abundance God provides before ever setting a boundary of restriction.

Why do you think the provision came before the prohibition?

What does this tell us about God's character?

Do you tend to see the boundaries God puts in place as restrictive or protective? Why?

From v3 to v4, we see a shift in God's name from God to Lord. Why does this matter?

What is the difference between believing God exists and submitting to him as Lord?

How does this passage reshape our view of freedom?

How does that contradict what culture calls freedom?

What do we learn about God in these passages?

Is there anything you feel the Holy Spirit inviting you to look at more closely?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for your goodness and your extravagant grace. Thank you for providing all we need and so much more. Forgive us when we see your boundaries as a cage, or as unfair, and help us to see them more as guardrails on a path toward what is best for us, a path that strengthens our trust as we walk toward you. May we submit to your Lordship willingly as you invite us into true freedom. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Dig Deeper:

In your prayer time this week, ask the Lord if there is somewhere you are resisting his wisdom, or if there is a boundary you need to receive as protection instead of restriction.