

October 12 - Show Me Something

Read Part Four Chapters 2 & 3 in the book "Multiply"

1. Read Genesis 3. Based on the first three chapters of Genesis, why was it such a big deal for Adam and Eve to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?
2. Analyze the sin in your life in light of the rebellion of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. Do you see the same tendency toward independence and rebellion in your actions? How so?
3. Think back to the world of Genesis 2. Spend a few minutes imagining what our world would look like without sin, if everything had stayed the way God intended it to be.
4. Now consider the ways that sin has affected our world. How is our experience of the world shaped by the fall? Be specific and describe how it affects you today.
5. Think about the current state of the world. In what ways is humanity still caught in the rebellion that led to the flood and the tower of Babel?
6. In what ways are you involved in this rebellion?
7. As you think back over Genesis 1–3 (and even the events we discussed from chapters 4–11), briefly describe how these chapters lay the groundwork for what is to come in the biblical story.
8. How should our understanding of the first chapters of the Bible affect the way we view ourselves and the world around us?
9. Take some time to read and meditate on Genesis 12:1–9, 15:1–21, and 17:1–14. What stands out to you from reading the promises that God gave to Abraham?
10. What does God's covenant with Abraham reveal to us about God?
11. What does God's covenant with Abraham reveal about God's plan of redemption?
12. Consider the biblical pattern: people sin, people suffer the consequences, God redeems. How have you seen this pattern in your own life?
13. In Genesis 15, God made it clear that His promises to Abraham were not dependent on Abraham. How should this affect the way we think about God's plan of redemption?
14. In your own words, explain why it is significant that God created a people for Himself. What did God want to accomplish through this "great nation" He promised to form?
15. Consider God's intentions to bless "all the nations" through His promise to Abraham. What implications does this have for the way we view the world today?
16. Think about the ways that God has blessed you. How should these blessings be used to benefit the people around you?
17. Read Romans 4. Why do you think the New Testament makes such a big deal about Abraham's faith?
18. How should Abraham's faith affect the way you think about and relate to God?
19. Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to increase your faith in Him. Ask Him to make you more consistently aware of His plan of redemption and the role He wants you to play in that.