



WHY DO PEOPLE EVEN NEED TO BE FIXED? SESSION 3

Teaching

One of the most striking things we find on the first page of God's relationship with human beings is how everything fits so perfectly. Genesis chapter 1 leads with, "in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." It then outlines how everything He fashions is not only perfectly made, but perfectly placed, in relationship with everything around it. Think about how the Oxygen Cycle and Carbon Cycle depend on one another for life to exist. Even the order of what God decides to do each day complements each other. The first three days we find God creating space. Space between light and dark, space between the waters above and the waters below and space between sea and shore. In the following three days, He creates things to fill those spaces in the same order. In the light and dark, he fills it with the sun, moon and stars. In the waters above and below, He creates birds for the sky and fish for the sea. And in the spaces he creates on the land, he fills it with vegetation and animals. There's a poetic beauty in the symmetry. When Einstein developed the theory of relativity, he had noticed a much deeper symmetry embedded in physics, and many of the laws and mathematical equations have a beauty to them. The pursuit of truth, then, is to seek out that which is truly beautiful - where a harmony and peace exists.

Metaphor

Camper Van – Everyone wants one. Surfer vibes, all about the interior deck. People spend an absolute fortune doing them up. Add a pop-top camping roof for £6K, a BBQ pod for £2K - you can mod your way to happiness. But as good as it looks, if the engine broken, you are only going to be able to camp in one place. It is no longer doing what it was designed to do... it was made for more!

Of all of the created order, humans are distinct. If we are searching for meaning, God's declaration in Genesis 1:26-27 is unparalleled.

"Let us make man in our image, in our in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Someone once said that God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him. God created you to enjoy beauty, and to find that in everything around us, and ultimately, in His character and presence.

Just wanting to be happy will never be enough.

QUESTIONS



- What would the perfect version of you look like?
- 2. What of the world's problems stem from how people like you and me behave?
- 3. What would it look like in real terms for you not to pursue things you know are not God's best for you?



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