

October 11th, 2020 Genesis 1:3-13, John 1:1-14

SERMON NOTES

My takeaways:
How was the world created and formed? Through the of:
The only way we can know the is through the
The Roles of the Trinity:
The Father it, the Son/Word it, the Spirit it
God's first act of creation is, and it overcomes the problem of
The Bible, and with the light of Jesus
Tools for Today:
1. Jesus uses light to show that he is the God of and
2. If you and in Jesus you are a of God!
3. If you follow Jesus, you are called to live in the by walking in

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 1:1-13 and John 1:1-14. What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday's sermon?
2. On Sunday, Pastor Jeremiah talked about the roles of the Trinity in creation. How did the discussion of the Trinity help you understand God more clearly?
3. Read 1 John 1:5-7 and 1 John 3:4-10. Why does the world not recognize Jesus for who he is? If Christ is the authoritative Word of God, how should our thoughts, priorities, behaviors, and relationships be affected?
4. If Christ's supremacy affects our priorities, what are some ways that our praying should change?
5. Psalm 107:10-22. What pattern is present in this passage? How does Jesus give us hope even in the depth of our sinfulness?
6. Read Psalm 107:42-43. How does gratitude lead to greater obedience? What is one thing you can do this week to walk in greater obedience?

LIFE TOOLS

Singles: As Christians, we know that we are called to walk and live in the light, but the distractions of this world and the desires of our flesh often lead us back to darkness. Read and meditate in Ephesians 5:1-20. Take special note of verses 15-20. On Sunday Pastor Jeremiah said, "If you follow Jesus, you are called to live in the light by walking in obedience". We have all felt the weight of failing at this call. However, this passage shows that we are not called to do this by ourselves. Verse 19 shows that we achieve this call in relationship with other Christians. Do you have a healthy godly friendship that builds you up through discussing God's word and what he has done for you? This week set some time aside with a friend and build each other up in the word and encourage each other to walk in the light of obedience!

Marrieds: Do you want your marriage to be strong and healthy? When the distractions of this world cause our priorities to get out of order, darkness begins to sneak in and bring destruction to our relationships. It takes work to "live in the light by walking in obedience" in order to have a healthy marriage. Together, read Ephesians 5:21-33. This passage outlines some of foundational basics of a healthy marriage. Men share with your wife one thing you want to work on to show her how much you love her. Women share with your husband one thing you want to work on to show him how much you respect him.

Parents of Preschoolers: Look through some picture books with your preschooler. Take turns pointing out people and non-human things like plants and animals. God created all living things, but He created people in His image which makes us different than the rest of creation. No one created Jesus. John 1:1 tells us that Jesus and God are the same. When Jesus was born on earth, He was still God, but He became a baby human also. Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Parents of K-6: Plan a day to celebrate Christmas, regardless of the time of year. Pick one or two of your family's favorite traditions and do them together. We celebrate the birth of Jesus as a human baby at Christmas, but we know He has always existed as God and was with God at creation.

Parents of Teens: When this fallen world, of which Satan is the temporary prince, seeks to raise doubt in us about our faith, we need only return to the book of Genesis to find restoration in the words, "In

the beginning God." It is an awesome thing to imagine the majesty and power of the One Who created. As a family, read and study a few doxologies found in scripture (Romans 11:33-36, Psalm 150:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14) as a reminder to the <u>Majesty and Power</u> of God.

Rejoice in the Light

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1 Tho' clouds like night hang over your way, Rejoice in the light, rejoice in the light; You yet may walk in a perfect day, Rejoice in the light, in the light.

Refrain:

Jesus is the light, the only light, Jesus is the light of the world; Jesus scatters gloom, He chases the night, Jesus is the light of the world.

2 Tho' mists of doubt your pathway shall shroud, Rejoice in the light, rejoice in the light; That light can pierce thro' the deepest cloud, Rejoice in the light, in the light. [Refrain]

3 Tho' foes shall frown and trouble you sore,

Rejoice in the light, rejoice in the light;

Rejoice ir	n the ligh	it, in the	e light.	[Refrain]		