

May 4/25 - Small Group Questions - Genesis 1-2 / Matthew 3 “Spirit of New Creation”

1. At the beginning of the sermon Tim shared a story of the former archbishop George Carey who had an encounter with God at little t that transformed his life. The person that first shared the story believed that this story was important for us as a church now. Upon hearing the story why do you think it may be important for us now?

Read Genesis 1:1-3, 26-28; John 1:1-4; Proverbs 8:22-31

2. In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. Elohim is a plural name for God. Some commentators see in this a glimpse, a foreshadowing of God the trinity, the relationship, Father Son and Spirit. Where do you see evidence of the trinity in the first chapters of the bible? What is the nature of the relationship?
3. “Let us create humankind in our image” What are the implications of being created in the image of Elohim, the God of relationship, of trinity?

Read Matthew 3:13-17

4. What are the connections between this text and Genesis 1? What do we learn from these connections?

Read Genesis 2:7-8

5. It is God’s breath (Hb Ruah – Spirit) that gives us life. What are the two implications in the text of what this life entails?

Read John 20:19-23

6. What are we being shown here about the person and work of Jesus?

Conclusion

7. Carey had to lay down his pride, his self-sufficiency to be in a posture of reception. What may you need to lay down to have your hands open to receive more of the life God longs to give you by his Spirit? Pray for one another in this vein.