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DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 17th, 2024

WARM-UP

Pastor Larry reminded us that Sin is a failure rather than simply the breaking of rules, it's the failure to be genuinely human. He then defined genuinely human as reflecting God's image. Reflecting on your life, where have you been giving your human authority to things that you worship?

ASK

- 1. Read Genesis 1:26-30: Pastor Larry in his message stated that God wants to share the beauty of existence with creatures and that humans have a unique role in that. What is that unique role?
- 2. Pastor Larry stated in his message that Atonement is one of the most important words in Christian vocabulary. He then stated in 1 John, John repeated three times something about the effect of Jesus' death. Read 1 John 1:5-2:2 can identify what they are?
- 3. Pastor Larry stated that there's something about human nature that even when God reveals himself to us the brokenness inside of us continues to declare independence from God and we refuse to submit to God's wisdom and mercy. If you disagree with that, how does 1 John 1:5-10 make you feel?
- 4. Pastor Larry in his message stated that God loves us and will not give up on us. However, he reminded us that our moral choices have real consequences and that our failure creates death in God's good world. Read 1 John 4:7-12, how does God address those consequences?
- 5. Pastor Larry reminded us that Jesus had to die to cover the death that humans owe God for contributing to all of the evil and death in His world. Yet the New Testament makes this powerful claim that Jesus' death was not final. What does that tell you about the depths of God's love for us?

PRAY