

Week of 10.24.21

- Read the passage from Sunday together (Genesis 2:18-25)

- Offer a time to discuss the sermon together.
 - How does our own longings mimic the heart of God; if we are made in His image, how do our longings compare to His?

 - What do we long for in this human life? What do you long for in eternity?

 - How is shame a human emotion? How does longing work with shame? What does Jesus tell us to do with our shame

 - Spend time in prayer that you would hunger for the Lord. That we would display our longing for Him in how we act and treat others.

- Chapters 14 and 15
 - Have you ever struggled with the idea of Jesus and God having different dispositions toward people? Do you feel that one is more approachable than the other?

 - Read through the ideas on pg 131, “A correct understanding of the triune God...”. Discuss the author's challenge of thinking God only deals in judgement and Jesus only deals in love.

 - Talk through the ideas in Chapter 15 that God does not delight in sending affliction (look at pg 138). Can you think of places in Scripture where God didn't delight in sending affliction?

- God is complex. We see it all over Scripture and in our world. Who is He to you? Do you see one part of Him more than others? Discuss and then read the excerpt from pg 140 “We must tread cautiously here”. How does this reminder of God’s complete wholeness strengthen your view of Him?
- Spend time in prayer for God to help you see His true heart for you on both the good days and the bad. That we will remember that mercy is natural to Him.