

HOME STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 1: THE THEOLOGY OF HOME

Primary Passage: Genesis 2:4-15

Related Passages: Genesis 3:22-24, John 14:1-4, 1 Peter 2:5
Revelation 21:1-5, Revelation 22:1-5

*“We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings
shape us.”*

-Winston Churchill

LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE:

Recap: Get someone in your group to recap the high points from the sermon.

Read Genesis 2:4-15. God designs Eden as a beautiful home for Adam and Eve; a place for life to thrive. In your life, have you had more positive or negative experiences with home?

- God also invites man into his home-building purpose by commanding Adam to ‘cultivate and keep’ the Garden. What does this cultivating and keeping look like? Where in your life is God calling you to cultivate and keep a physical or spiritual home for the people He’s put in your life?

Read Genesis 3:22-24. After rejecting the rest, flourishing and peace God designed for us in Eden, part of the curse is that mankind is removed from the garden. As a result, we constantly long for the home with God that we’ve lost. How do you relate to this sense of longing?

Read John 14:1-4 and 1 Peter 2:5. In the most hospitable act in human history, Jesus went to the cross to invite sinful humans back into God’s perfect home and God’s mission of hospitality. How does the gospel inform our view of hospitality and our homes?

- Where are you most tempted to idolize home? (Where do you think of your house or marriage or kids as ultimate refuge, existing to give you peace, etc.)
- Where are you most tempted to marginalize home? (Where do you neglect cultivating and leveraging your home as a tool for God’s mission?)

Pray that we as a church family would engage people in our homes and utilize them as a foretaste of heaven.