

“I Am Not Stuck”

WHO AM I? FINDING IDENTITY IN CHRIST | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON | APRIL 7/8, 2018

GENESIS 3:1-24; 2 SAMUEL 11-12; EPHESIANS 2:1-10; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!”

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Why Do We Feel Stuck? (Genesis 1-3)

Stuck living (Dreams and reality)

Stuck spiritually (Creation and Fall)

Getting Unstuck (Ephesians 2:1-10)

Remembering the dream of God

Facing the reality of our humanity

Embracing the new reality and the remaking of dreams

Living Unstuck (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Living in Christ

Living as a new Creation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When have you felt stuck in your life? What happened? Did anything change?
2. We begin our new series “Who Am I?” by looking at how we feel stuck and how God brings freedom into our lives through finding identity in Christ. Ask God to speak to you through His Word, and then begin the study.
3. Read the story of Creation and Fall in Genesis 1-3. This is a long passage of Scripture, so reflect on these questions as you read it:
 - What is God like (Genesis 1-3)?
 - What is the created world like (Genesis 1-2)?
 - What is humanity like before sin (Genesis 1-2) versus after sin (Genesis 3)?
4. Sin is the experience that things are not right as God intended, both within our own lives and the world beyond us. Read 2 Samuel 10-11 to see how sin plays out in the life of David the King. Consider the following questions as you read:
 - What did David do that was wrong?
 - How did David try to deal with it on his own?
 - How did his wrong ways come to light?
 - What was the result of this wrong?
5. Ephesians 2:1-10 summarizes the human reality in sin and the possibility through Christ. Read that passage aloud and summarize it in your own words.
6. Have you experienced the new life in Christ? If so, what has happened? If not, what still holds you back from that?
7. Now read 2 Corinthians 5:17 aloud. In this one sentence, the Apostle Paul offers a beautiful picture of life with God. What stands out to you about this verse?
8. What is one thing God is speaking to you through this study? If you are on your own, write it down and pray about it. If you are in a small group, take time to discuss this with one another before praying together.

FURTHER GROWTH:

A great way to follow-up from our Lenten devotional would be to join a daily Bible reading plan or devotional.

- Access great daily Bible reading plans and devotionals via the YouVersion Bible app (youversion.com) or online, such as Oswald Chambers’ My Utmost for His Highest (utmost.org).
- You could also join with our daily reading plan that accompanies our series here:
 - Monday, 4/9: Genesis 1-2
 - Tuesday, 4/10: Genesis 3
 - Wednesday, 4/11: Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21
 - Thursday, 4/12: 2 Samuel 10-11
 - Friday, 4/13: Ephesians 2:1-10