

Welcome Home-Introduction

Text: Genesis 2:8-15

Purpose: Over the next five weeks, we will be talking through the Bible about the need for people in our culture to find a home, the obstacles in our society for the church to be a home, and the people Jesus is calling us to welcome into our home.

Opening Question: *What is your favorite part about being at home?*

Read and Discuss: Genesis 2:8-15

1. *What kind of place was the first home (Garden of Eden)?*
2. *Adam's first day was a day of rest with God. How does God invite you into rest? What does it look like for you to rest in Him?*
3. *After the Fall, Adam and Eve were exiled from their home. Why did they have to leave? What were the consequences of their exile? John 1:14 How does Jesus restore the exile from God's home?*
4. *Why is it so important to God that His people are welcoming and inviting to others?*
5. *Describe the people in your life at each level and how you welcome them.*
 - a. *Preschool Level-those close to you?*
 - b. *Elementary Level-those outside your comfort zone?*
 - c. *Secondary Level-those that cost you something?*
 - d. *College Level-those who have not made good choices?*
 - e. *Graduate Level-those who have hurt you?*