



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Series: God has a Plan for your Life

Sermon: Easter

Recap the Highlights:

Genesis 1:27 - God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. 28, God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

In Chapter 2 - we see a more detailed expression of God's plan for man in that, God placed man in a GARDEN that He created specifically for mankind to work and tend.

- Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT), But the LORD God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden – except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.'

In this perfect setting somehow the SERPENT – the devil himself- entered the garden and convinced them to sin.

- Romans 5:12 (NLT) "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."

We can only understand the necessity of the death and blood shedding of Jesus (CROSS) when we have understood what happened in that moment of disobedience.

- II Corinthians 5:21, (NIV) "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"

Jesus exchanged the Glory of heaven for the pain and suffering of this fallen world.

- **God Exchanged His Son for our Sin and Shame!**
 - John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life.
- **He Exchanged His Grave Clothes & an Empty Tomb for our VICTORY!**
 - I Corinthians 15, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death,... But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Now Dig Deeper:

1. Discuss the story of the resurrection together starting from the origins of Genesis 1.
2. Pastor Patrick stated that every exchange has a price you have to pay. Discuss times in your life when you have made an exchange that required you to give up something.
3. As we wrap up this series, discuss what you have learned about God's plan for your life. Share that with the group.

Respond & Pray:

- Pray for God to reveal His plans for your next steps in life. Pray for everyone in our church to take a next step following Easter.