

WOUNDS: Restoration

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

What is the toughest apology you've given to another person? Why was it so difficult?

WORD

This is our fourth week of our series "wounds" and the last one. The big idea of this message is God will make all wrongs right. Every painful and traumatic event we experience will be healed by God.

As Christians, we look forward to the day when God will heal everything that is broken in us and in the world. Until then, we remind ourselves of our hope every day.

Revelation 22:1-5 (NKJV)

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Maybe some you are asking, "If God love's me why do I need to go through all of this?" Remember when Jesus is about to be arrested he said this to his disciples in John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* These troubles that Jesus is talking here or in other translation, "Tribulations" that's causing wounds. But all of us, this wounds are already part of our lives that it seems normal and we don't seem to care anymore.

Isaiah 1:6 NET

“From the soles of your feet to your head, there is no spot that is unharmed. There are only bruises, cuts, and open wounds. They have not been cleansed or bandaged, nor have they been treated with olive oil.”

DISCUSSION

Why do you think the image on Revelation 22:1-5 is so important for the closing chapters of the Bible?

WORD

God wants to restore us to what he original made us to be.He made us to be holy and to dwell with him in the garden. But we were stained and ruined by sin, marked by our wounds.

Restoration means to take something that has been destroyed, dirtied, stained, and fix it or clean it to its original state. God is in the business of restoring us to the way he originally created us to be. Adam and Eve were created to dwell within his presence and live in the garden. Having authority over it. They experienced sin and it wounded them and causing them to be separated from the presence of God.God wants to restore us so that we may be able to experience his presence and blessing again through a life of devotion and discipleship

The Key to RESTORATION

1. IT FLOWS FROM GOD

Revelation 22:1

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The river of life flows from God and the Lamb (Jesus)When we are wounded by experiencing sin, we experience spiritual death, separation from God, and therefore we also begin to lack joy and peace. But from God flows life and when we connect ourselves to the source of life and dwell within it, we experience spiritual revival, or restoration. Being on the presence of God allows us to be connected to the main source of God`s

character and blessing through prayer, worship, and discipleship. But the key is that the source is God Himself.

2. IT PRODUCES FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Revelation 22:2-3

2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

If we are connected to the river of life and have its power running through us, then the fruits of the spirit can grow from us just as it nourishes the tree of life in this scripture and causes it to produce spiritual fruit. And we gain a life that is no longer accursed and marked by our sins. Through the fruits of the spirit we are able to continuously walk in the spirit and live a lifestyle that is able to handle the storms of life. Through the restoration given to us by God we are now not only restored, but also strengthened and we are able to fully receive the blessings from God. As we connected to the river, through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life [b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. *The leaves of the tree were for the healing* of the nations. **3.** No longer will there be anything accursed,... Healing from our wounds.

Revelation 22:4-5

4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

This experience of restoration allows us to fully use the authority over our enemies given to us by Jesus. We are able to fully use the authority given to us to not only be strengthened to withstand spiritual attacks but we are given the ability to rebuke and cast out the effects of those attacks as well. This experience propels us towards worship. The greatest blessing we have is the opportunity to worship him no matter what. The ability to remain positive and hopeful through worship is the most powerful thing we can do. God become the center of our worship and therefore the center of our life

DISCUSSION

How does the idea of complete restoration give us hope now?

LIFE APPLICATION

Relationships are some of the hardest things for us to manage. If we don't handle it right, it causes us offence that leads to being emotionally wounded, some of this can be shallow and if it's not handled right, it can lead to deep wounds and it can destroy our relationship toward God and others especially to our loved ones.

Let us admit our actions and wrongs, Don't make excuses, Accept the consequences, change our behaviours and ask for forgiveness.

If God had hope for the stubborn, rebellious people of Judah, we know there is hope for us as well! No matter how far we've sunk in our depravity and sin that cause us deep wounds, God remains committed to us, and He invites us to turn from our sin and turn toward Him. Only with repentant hearts are we able to live as the people God created us to be—those who love Him and love others.

DISCUSSION

What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

1 Peter 5:10 ESV

10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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