

Spring Cleaning - It's Messier Than We Think - April 12th

Introduction

All of us could use a refresher from time to time when it comes to relationships. Spring represents a time of "new" and "growth". What could be a better time to do a little "spring cleaning" when it comes to relationships? Navigating relationships can seem impossible at times. Discovering the reason why it seems impossible can help us better understand the dynamics taking place when relationships get difficult.

Discussion Questions

- Did you do spring cleaning around your house? If so, what are some of the projects you like to get accomplished in cleaning at this time of the year that you normally don't do any other time of the year?
- 2. Have you ever gotten involved in a spring cleaning project that ended up being way more than you were anticipating? What did you end up doing?
- 3. When considering the many relationships you have in your life, what are some of relationships that could use a little "spring cleaning", some "freshening up"? Why do you feel this way about these relationships.
- 4. Please read <u>Genesis 1-3</u>. Discuss what the perfection relationships looked like before Adam and Eve decided to disobey God. Talk about what the relationship dynamics are like after Adam and Eve's decision to disobey.
- 5. In the message Jon said: "there two kinds of relationships we can now have, grace-full ones or curse-full ones". Based on these two kinds of relationships, talk about some relationships that have been grace-full and some that have been curse-full in your life. What were the dynamics of each relationship?

Moving Forward

We know both good and evil which means we can now have a knowledgeable understanding of grace...God's grace. We have been given the truth and the power to create. In God's grace we can through our will create was is good or we can through our will create what is evil. Because of Jesus Christ, we have the power to live in Grace-full Relationships or Curse-full Relationships...The choice is ours.

Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory

Then the LORD God said, Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil... Genesis 3:22 (ESV)