God's Grace in the Face of the Consequences of Sin

Genesis 3:21-25

Sermon Discussion Questions October 3, 2021

- 1. How have you experienced God's grace in your life? Can you share with the group a time where you ended up being in a better place than you feel you deserved to be?
- 2. We have spent a lot of time talking about sin as "moving God out of being the subject of life." Have you come to understand sin in a deeper way as a result of thinking of it in this way?
 - What does avoiding sin look like in your life? What have you done to cover up your sins like Adam and Eve did with fig leaves?
- 3. In Genesis 3, we see God sacrificing animals as a form of covering sin. This points to our future of being "clothed in Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27). How does being clothed in Christ help you praise God?
 - Are there any favorite Psalms or hymns that help you remember that we are clothed with Christ? Please sing together (yes, sing!) as a group a hymn or Psalm in response to God clothing us with Christ.
- 4. Genesis 3 shows us that God exiled Adam and Eve as a result of sin, so that they would not live forever in sin. Can you imagine if humans lived forever in sin? Are any of you living in some sort of exile as a result of previous sin? If you are in exile as a result of sin, take a moment to consider that while you are clothed in Christ, you will be forever in a better place than when you started that sin. Have a group member remind you that you are forgiven and that God's grace is more abundant than our sins.
- 5. Have you ever considered that physical death is a means of God showing His Grace? How does this challenge you? In what ways does it encourage you?