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Discovering who God says I am

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My Name Is
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FIRST BAPTIST HORSEHEADS LIFE GROUPS



Debrief Plan: 10/31/2021

Creatures of Dust

Genesis 2:7, Psalm 103:13-14

Introduction: It's interesting to notice that the very first name that God gave mankind was a very humbling one...

What did God name us? "Adam" or "Mankind."

It means... we are a part of God's _____. We and the earth are made from the same "_____".

What is God telling us about who we are?

- We are _____. (Gen. 3:19, Job 10:8-9, Ps. 103:14-16)
- We are _____ to God. (Gen. 1:26-28, 2:7-8, 15)
- We are _____ on God. (Gen. 1:29, 2:9 & 16)

What is God telling us about what we are to do?

- We should embrace _____. (Gen. 18:27, 1 Pet. 5:6)
- We should _____ and _____ God. (Gen. 2:16-17, Eccl. 12:13)
- We should _____ on God for our needs. (Deut. 8:3, Jn. 15:5)
- We should be _____ for God's _____. (Ps. 103:13-14 & 17)

Conclusion: Will you embrace this first "name" that God has given you, or is it too hard to swallow your pride?

Icebreakers:

1. Share an embarrassing life experience (that humbled you) with your group.
2. Most successful groups (musical bands, sports teams, businesses) have "stars" who get all the attention and credit for the team's success, even though other team members were just as important, though less recognized. Who is your favorite "unappreciated" member of a successful team?

Sermon Summary: The first name God gave humanity was "creature of dust." Such a name reminds us of our fragility and points out to us how dependent we are on God and His care. We should accept this name by humbling ourselves before God and submitting to Him, grateful for His loving care for us.

Discussion Questions:

* What is God telling us about who we are?

1. What reminders have you gotten lately of how "fragile" you are as a creature of dust? How did it feel to be reminded?
2. The snake's main contention to Eve in Genesis 3 was that she could be God's equal, God's peer, and that she could be her OWN authority. Why is this such a successful message to us humans? Why do we hate being accountable?
3. Do you ever get frustrated when you are reminded of your limitations? Why is that?
4. Is there a silver lining to the truth that we are fragile, accountable to God, and dependent on God? How could these realizations be blessings to us?

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5. Why are we so inclined to think that we are a "really big deal?"
6. What does genuine (as opposed to false) humility look like in a person?
7. Is the belief that there will be a final judgment of humanity by God (see Ecclesiastes 12:14, for example) important? If so, why?
8. What does it look like to "live by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (see Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matthew 4:4)?
9. Why is a lack of gratitude to God so common in our lives today?
10. Tell your group about one way that God has had compassion on you "as a father has compassion on his children" (see Psalm 103:13).