

Tree of Life – 9-25-2021

Last week we looked at the biblical theme of testing. Today we're going to look at the biblical theme of the Tree of Life. What is the tree of life?

Watch video: YouTube "The Bible Project Tree of Life"

What stood out to you? How did this video expand your view of the tree of life?

Read: Proverbs 3

Proverbs is a letter from a wise father to his son. He speaks of the life-giving power of God's wisdom and compares it to the tree of life, warning of the dangers of proudly ignoring godly wisdom. (Note: Throughout Proverbs, God's wisdom is personified as a woman, so that's what "she" and "her" refer to in vv. 13-18.)

Q1: With all the good news that God's wisdom holds, why do you think it's so hard to follow it? Why do we so often choose to live by our own limited understanding?

Q2: Compare verse 7 with Genesis 3:2-7. What do you observe? How can our eyes be deceived when defining good and bad?

Q3: Consider a time in life when you followed God's wisdom even though it defied your own understanding (see verses 5-8). What was that like?

Read John 15:1-13

Q4: What are you hearing in this passage? What is Jesus saying we ought to do? Why?

There's also a replication that's happening. We remain in Jesus' love, then we're to pass that love on to others.

Q5: Can you think of other examples of Jesus using this seed/tree imagery?

Q6: Who needs wisdom? Is there a particular area of your life where you really feel like you need God's wisdom right now?

Spend some time in prayer, bringing this before the Lord, and asking him for the wisdom you need.