GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Just One Tree

Opening Questions:

This is the end of our 'Trees' series and next week we start a new series: 'Ever Wonder Why.'

- -What were your biggest learnings from this series?
- -What was the most impactful for you?

Read Revelation 22:1-5

What movies have you seen where there is a 'return to the Shire' moment, like in the Lord of the Ring movies? What movies? What do you remember about those scenes in those movies? How are they similar or dissimilar to Revelation 22?

How does the vision of 'Eden restored' match up with you have previously thought about our eternal destiny? Does it clarify? challenge? inspire? shift your perspective at all?

What parts of the vision of 'Eden restored' and Revelation 22 do you not understand? Talk with the group to see if you can understand better.

In the message, Pastor David talked about how in Revelation 22 "there is no sun or night" and the recent full eclipse gave us an interesting perspective on 1) how things that seem so fundamental to our existence will not always be and 2) how awesome it is to think about new creation when we get glimpses of incredible moments in creation now. What does the recent eclipse make you think about in terms of God and creation and new creation?

Read Ezekiel 47:1-12

-What parts of Ezekiel 47 match up with Revelation 22?

Application:

In the message, Pastor David shared a quote from C.S. Lewis' <u>The Great Divorce</u>: "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done.""

- -What do you think about this quote? Do you agree?
- -If you agree, how do you see this reality playing out in your life or others lives?
- -Is there any place in your life you need to say "Thy will be done." to God right now?

Prayer

• Share praises and prayer requests with one another.

Guided prayer: God, we thank you for your goodness and the glimpses of your glory and grace in Revelation. Bring us more and more into your will and way so that we can bring your Kingdom come on earth as it will be in Heaven. AMEN.