

Kidz in The Garden Sunday

Two Important Aspects of the Human Condition:

1) We all yearn for a _____ to _____.

2) We all long to be _____.

An Important Promise of God:

God promises us a _____.

We find our _____ in _____.

Some Interesting News:

Those with the _____ in this world,
have the _____ in God's Kingdom.

Questions for Further Growth

For the week of June 6, 2010

1. What is your favorite children's story? Why? Think about what Pastor Tim said this weekend about our desire to know we belong, to know we have a place, and to be known. Does the story you chose above address this issue in any way? If so, how? Do you think that may have something to do with why you chose it?

If the story you chose does not address this desire, does it address some other aspect of the human condition? Which one? Why do you think you chose a story dealing with this particular issue?

2. The promise of a place is a central feature of the biblical story. Read Genesis 12:1-7. In this story, how does God address the two aspects of the human condition Pastor Tim talked about? What does this say about God? About us?

Israel faced a crisis with their slavery in Egypt. Read Exodus 1:6-10. Walter Brueggemann suggests that the main point of this passage is that the covenant from Genesis 12 (and ratified in Genesis 17) is in jeopardy. Using this weekend's teaching as a framework, do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

3. Describe a time that you felt "at home" – a time when you felt you had a place, you belonged, you were known, loved, and accepted for yourself. Where was it? When? With whom?

Was that place in church? If not, what would have to happen at church for it to become that kind of place for you?

Note from Pastor Tim: Please email me your answer to these last two questions. If you prefer to remain anonymous, simply write your answer on a piece of paper and put it in my box or in the bucket on the table next Sunday. (Write "For Pastor Tim" on the paper and simply fold it once.) There is no need for elaboration; a simple answer will do.

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Two Important Aspects of the Human Condition:

3) We all yearn for a place to belong.

4) We all long to be known.

An Important Promise of God:

God promises us a place.

We find our place in Christ.

Some Interesting News:

Those with the smallest place in this world, have the biggest place in God's Kingdom.