

NOTES:

We were created to rule the planet. God created you with plans in mind. He wants to take the destinies that are inside of you and use them for His purposes. You have to give these things over to Him and allow Him to change you to become who He has created us to be. These destinies have been distorted by sin, but Jesus has come to heal our sin and bring us back into alignment with the original plan of the Father. Jesus' suffering was the means by which we were restored to the dignity that God had created us for.

In prayer, we are given an opportunity to begin ruling along side of Christ today. As you allow the Holy Spirit to pray through you, His Kingdom is being released through your prayers. This allows the authority of Jesus to begin changing the world around you.

We are called to honor God with what little we have today. This leads to the ability to be faithful with more in the coming ages. We must work towards having our lives in order so that we can grow in our abilities to serve the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What impact has this global pandemic and shut-down had on your faith?

What is the difference between chasing God's gifts and chasing after Him? Why is this difference important?

What dreams did you have when you were younger?

How has God shaped your life to bring your dreams back into alignment with the Father's original plan? What has He changed inside of you?

What does it mean to you know that Jesus' suffering is what enables you to walk into the dignity and destiny that God has for you?

How does the way that you live faithfully today impact the gifts that the Father will give you in the future?

What should you change in your life today so that you can walk more into the destiny that God has called you to?

VERSES:

Hebrews 2:1-9

1 We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 But there is a place where someone has testified:

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?
7 You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor
8 and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. 9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Psalm 8

1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."