SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

DISORDER TO ORDER TO DISORDER GENESIS 1-3 JUNE 4, 2023

The Redemptive Pattern of Genesis 1-3

- Blessing (1:28-30)
- Rebellion (3:6)
- Separation (3:12-19)
- Provision (3:21)

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Although there are several overlapping ideas and scenes between Genesis 1 and 2, these chapters seem to present the events around creation from two different perspectives. Why do you think this is? What concepts are each chapter emphasizing or focusing in on?
- 2. In the first chapters of Genesis, we already see the pattern of redemption that will unfold and repeat throughout the rest of Scripture: blessing, rebellion, separation, and provision. Where else in Scripture do you see this pattern unfold?
- 3. Genesis 3 presents sin as a redefining of God's good, natural order. In what ways do you tend to rebel against God's will and redefine what is good for yourself, your family, your future, etc.?
- 4. An immediate and ongoing effect of sin, as presented in the Genesis narrative, is separation. How have you seen your own sin or the sin of others lead to broken relationship with God and people? How does the coming of Christ overcome this effect of sin for those who believe in him?
- 5. What practical ways can you be part of God's unfolding plan to restore creation back to its good, natural order? In other words, how can you be part of reestablishing Eden in the world?