

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

2021 Missions Conference

These questions are for the **March 7, 2021** sermon, “Entrusted with the Mission.” Please read the sermon passages (Genesis 2:1-20; Exodus 19:3-6; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

1. Begin at the beginning. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:1-20)
 - a. God made us in his image and gave mankind the highest position in his created world.
 - i. He placed us in the Garden “to work it and to keep it.”
 - ii. “To keep it” teaches that we are stewards. We care for God’s stuff, God’s way.
 - b. One key responsibility that God delegated was that Adam gave names to all the animals.
 - i. God gave real responsibility, with lasting and generational effects.
 - ii. Adam executed his intellect and will as he did what God asked him to do.
2. Moving to the middle. (Exodus 19:1-6)
 - a. God made his people to be “a nation of priests” to the world.
 - i. There are priests within Israel who represent God to the Israelites.
 - ii. Israel as a nation represents God to the whole world.
 - b. Just as in Eden, God continues to delegate real and crucial tasks to his people.
 - i. The typical way that people know God is to . . .
 1. See him within the community of “priests.”
 2. And to find him in the “oracles” entrusted to Israel (Rom 3:1-2).
 - ii. God’s people execute intellect and will in the service of their priesthood.
3. Ending at the end. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
 - a. God has delegated to the church to be stewards of the reign of Jesus Christ forever.
 - b. The church is given the real and crucial responsibility of proclaiming Christ and . . .
 - c. Living joyfully, contentedly and obediently under his reign.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God has given mankind crucial tasks that are bound up in the material world. How does your job, your profession, contribute to the cultural mandate of “keeping” and “working” your corner of God’s world? How does working your job under the authority and for the glory of God dignify your work?
2. Based on #2, above: You represent God to the world. Each of us ought to be evidence that God exists and reigns. In what way does your life bear witness to God? In what way can you better bear witness to God?
3. Based on #2, above: How do you feel knowing that “God has delegated the task of representing King Jesus and his kingdom” to the world around you?
4. Based on #3, above: The task of global discipleship, one neighbor at a time has been placed upon the church. This is a real responsibility. You are responsible to do this. Respond to these two statements: The task is urgent. In God’s sovereignty, this task cannot fail.
5. What is the one main takeaway from this message that you can apply today?