

Sermon Title: Fully Alive- Breaking the Lie
Sermon Scripture: John 10:10-13, Genesis 3:1-6



Sermon Discussion Guide (6/28)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read John 10:10-13 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What is the contrast present in these verses between Jesus (the Good Shepherd) and the thief (the hired hand)?

Read Genesis 3:1-6. What lies are present in this Scripture? How do these lies distort or misrepresent God's character and His Word?

What reasons are recorded in verse 6 for why Eve ultimately decides to eat fruit from the forbidden tree? How might Eve's reasoning have been influenced by the lies of the serpent?

Read John 8:31-32. What do these verses reveal about the relationship between truth and freedom? How might these verses challenge the world's understanding of how freedom can be found?

Application

Think of a time in your life when you gave in to temptation and sinned against God. First, what lies were you believing about God and His Word that led you to give in to temptation? Second, how did this sin lead you away from the abundant and full life that Jesus has come to give?

In Genesis 3, one of the serpent's tricks was to convince Eve that God was withholding something from her. Are there any things that you currently feel God is withholding from you? (personal happiness or comfort, a better relationship, a successful job, perhaps something else). How can you shift your perspective from focusing on what you don't have to thanking God for the blessings He has given you?

God's Word frees me to become fully alive. If you have a personal rhythm of reading Scripture, what does it look like? How might God be inviting you to become more intentional in your reading of Scripture, either by being more consistent in how often you read it, or by more fully embracing Scripture as a means of formation and not just information?

Pastor Mattie concluded the sermon with a time of prayer to consider the lies we have believed and the sin we have hidden or justified. How did you experience God speaking to you during this time of prayer? What is one step of obedience you will take this week in light of what God has spoken to you?

Prayer

You may choose to close your time of reflection and discussion through praying Psalm 139:23-24 *"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*