



I'M SO GLAD GOD MADE THIS PLANET

WEEK 3 - WHAT IF IT'S NOT ENOUGH?

OVERVIEW

Thinking about the expansive nature of problems like climate change, species extinction, desertification, habitat destruction, etc. can be overwhelming and debilitating when we consider the big picture. Sometimes it seems like our measly efforts won't even make a dent on these global issues. How should we respond when it feels like the work we do won't be close to enough? In this message, we will explore the idea that it is not up to us to heal the world. It's up to God! We are simply his instruments in this restoration. Although our humble actions to care for this Creation may seem like a drop in the bucket, God's Spirit has the power to do things through our faithfulness that we can't possibly imagine. When we align our lives with God's purposes for this world, we are planting the seeds of New Creation knowing that it is God who will make them grow.

*All glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us,
to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.*

Ephesians 3:20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever asked yourself if what you are doing is enough? If so, in what respect?
2. Where do you find hope? Explain.
3. Share about a time when you were overwhelmed or nearly hopeless about a situation and God turned it around in a surprising way.
4. Read Ephesians 3:14-21.
 - a. What encouraging statements of truth can you take directly from this passage?
 - b. Discuss why it's so important for us to be empowered "with inner strength through his Spirit".
 - c. What does it mean to experience the love of Christ without fully understanding it?
 - d. How can we make this prayer of Paul's our prayer for our families, our children, our neighbors, ourselves?
5. Read Zechariah 4:10. What can we do to remind ourselves and each other to be faithful in the small things, trusting that God is faithful in the big things?

RESOURCES

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