

## DISCUSSION NOTES

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Text: Psalm 24:1

Title: Embedding

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Genesis 1:27 - 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.

Question: How do these verses speak more about stewardship than entitlement?

Jesus belongs to the Father, yet it was no mystery that Jesus did belong in the world.

John 1:14 (message versions) says it this way- "The Word became human and made his home among us."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world (cosmos) that he sent his only son."

These verses summarize the whole life and work of Jesus. God working not from the outside in, but from the inside out. Jesus grew in a real womb. Jesus grew up in the real world, lived and worked in the real world, died in the real world, rose again to live again in the real world. This all happened with purpose and prophetic intentions.

Luke 19:10, "for the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Question: Why did Jesus have to come? Jesus was someone who lived and committed to loving God by loving the world. Jesus came sharing this message. Let the world come, let all the people of the world find their rescue and renewal through Him - Jesus, the Son of God!

Question: Do you think that God has a plan for this world?

Question: In light of the current conditions within this world is hard to think that God still has a plan?

Romans 8:22-24

Question: What hope does Jesus return give to us and the people on His earth?

But if we follow this idea of eternal rescue and renewal along, you will notice that we receive another invitation to join in with this renewal.

John 17:15 Jesus says, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world".

This is the modern plight of a Christian. God calling Christians into this renewing work. This is what a Christian life is all about - we belong to God and belong in the world - living to bring renewal from the inside out .. in light of the return of Jesus Christ.

So, what does renewing work from the inside out, look like?

**You belong to the Father, and you belong in the world**

You belong to the Father, so let your roots grow deep

Ephesians 3:14-17 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

Question: what does it mean to let your roots grow deep?

Ecclesiastes 3:11-13. - He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. So, I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

As our roots go deep - we allow the hope of eternity to rise in your heart.

## #2. You belong to the Father, **and you belong in the world**

### a. Lean into the things that you like and love

Ecclesiastes 3: So, I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

Invitation: We have potential to have peace and a privilege to enjoy our days, enjoy life, enjoy the beautiful moments afforded to us as long as we can.

### b. Live fruitful lives in world

Jeremiah 29: 5-11 "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

### c. Listen for the voice of God in everything you do.

Proverbs 3:5, "Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."

Let God use you to do what you can with what you have.

Mother Theresa: If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

### d. Leave the world a better place than when we got here.

Question: What are some very practical things you can do to insure that you leave the world a better place?