

The Bible as

ONE BOOK

THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

This week's teaching in our The Bible as One Book series was all about the Pattern of the Kingdom. Patterns are all around us in things we see but also in things we experience. Genesis 1-2 shows us the pattern of how God created the world as he intended it to be.

1. This week's sermon helps us see the pattern in God's Creation as God intended it to be. Seeing the Pattern of the Kingdom teaches us to rest in God's plan and purpose for creation. Help your children identify patterns in their life as a practice of this type of Bible Study. Go around your home together and identify patterns you can find. (ex. Decor, clothing, shapes, colours)

2. Patterns aren't just things we see but also experiences we have and how we learn (ex. Making mistakes and learning from them). What is something someone has shown you how to do (started a pattern) that you can now follow their example and do yourself? (ex. Wake up, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, make lunch, go to school, come home, do homework, eat dinner, relax, go to bed)

3. When God created everything in Genesis 1 He initiated a pattern for how the world was intended to be. What were some of the examples in the sermon of how our world is different today than what was what originally intended in God's creation?

4. _____ said: "There is no better place to be than under the rule of the King in His Kingdom." Where is your favourite place to be in this world and why? How does your favourite place compare to God's perfectly designed place? What does it mean to be content or satisfied in God's Kingdom?

5. Point three in the sermon this weekend reminded us that Genesis 1:26-27 teaches us that we are made in God's image. What does it mean that we are made in the image of God? Parents, tell or ask your children what are some characteristics about you that you see in them.

What are some characteristics about them that are not like you! When we see each human life as a part of God's creation and made in his image it should change the way we view and treat them. What would this look like for each person in your family this week? (ex. Seeing the annoying sibling, the bad neighbour, the bully at school, the teacher you don't like....as someone who has been made in the image of God) Would you treat them differently knowing that God sees them as His creation and made in his image?

6. After six days of creating the world as it was intended to be, God establishes a pattern of rest. Why do we rest as humans? How is this reason different than why God rests? What is something you do daily or weekly that you need rest from? As a family, evaluate the rest you normally take, does your family need to rest more, do you rest enough? How do you think God would want us to fill our times of rest? What is the best use of rest for you and where does the Bible say we find our ultimate rest?

The Pattern of the Kingdom that God established was perfect as he intended. As you close with your discussion, pray and thank God for His perfect creativity, power and might in all that He does. Thank God for being the author and king over creation, that we are made beautifully in his image and that one day he will restore all creation to perfect rest in his presence...what a day that will be!