

Sermon Questions from May 3

Text: Romans 5:12-15

Faith statement: "We believe evil entered the world because humanity rejected God, bringing darkness and death into the world. Humans continue to bear the image and goodness of God while simultaneously existing in a broken state, alienated from God."

Do you believe people are inherently good or sinful? How would you describe human nature?

Paul links death to sin in this passage. Do you think he's talking about physical death or spiritual death? And how does sin lead to death?

How does the "free gift" mentioned in verse 15 differ fundamentally from the "trespass" of Adam in terms of its scope and power?

Pastor Dan talked about the importance of acknowledging our own brokenness? Why do you think it's important or not important to be open and honest about our own shortcomings?

How does it make you feel knowing you are created in the image of God? How do you think we should live in the tension between our sinful nature and the divine image?

Where do you see the hope in this passage? What difference does it make for you?