

Conclusion: Eagerly Awaiting God's Coming Kingdom

In the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God's establishment of his kingdom has already begun in earnest, but we also eagerly await the full perfection of God's kingdom at the return of Jesus

Revelation 11:5; 21:3; 22:1-2

LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups
as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

Love the Gospel

- What sentences have we discussed thus far in *The Story of God's Mission*? How do they fit together into a story, *the Story*?
- How would you defend Genesis 2:16-17 as a key sentence in this Story?
- How does Genesis 3 (and other passages from Scripture) teach that we are the ones who are upside-down, not God?

Live the Gospel

- In what ways are you tempted to question the goodness of God? How do Genesis 1 and 2 respond to those questions?
- What aspects of your life can you point to which proclaim that you are eagerly awaiting the coming of God's kingdom?

Advance the Gospel

- How is it helpful to remember that all sin really boils down to the question, "Did God really say?"
- How does the narrative of Genesis 2 and 3 equip you to respond to questions from unbelievers which diminish God's goodness and God's truthfulness?

The Story of God's Mission (Part 2) God's Kingdom Upside-Down

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Text: Genesis 2:16-17

Introduction: God's Kingdom Upside-Down

Genesis 1:1 → Genesis 2:16-17

Genesis 2:16-17 underscore a pivotal moment in all of human history

I. God's Good Kingdom (2:7-9, 15-17)

A. The goodness of God's kingdom

God sets up *everything* in the Garden of Eden so that Adam and Eve would experience life and life abundantly

God doesn't begin with a prohibition...

B. The order of God's kingdom

The goodness of God's kingdom and the order of God's kingdom cannot be separated out from one another

1 Timothy 2:11-13

C. God's goodness toward us

Genesis 1 and 2 are our introduction to who God is!

II. God's Kingdom Upside-Down (3:1-7)

A. The disorder of the kingdom turned upside-down

Here we have "the rotation shot" which turns all of human history on its head

"The woman, in yielding to this thought, virtually put the tempter [the serpent] in the place of God. It was God who had beneficent purposes for man, the serpent had malicious designs. [Yet] the woman acts on the supposition that God's intent is unfriendly, whilst Satan is animated with desire to promote her well-being."

- Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology*

B. The curses of the kingdom turned upside-down

Relationships are not simply turned upside-down, striving and strain are introduced at every level

C. Living in the kingdom turned upside-down

We are the ones who are upside-down, not God!

III. God's Coming Kingdom (3:14-15, 20-24)

A. The Seed who crushes the serpent

Genesis 3:15 "The First Gospel"

Romans 16:20

B. God's provision of proper covering

Genesis 3:21

C. God's gracious protection from eternal death

Genesis 3:22