



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - July 1, 2012

Sermon

The Beauty of Creation:

"The Wonder of Water"

Genesis 2:4-14

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 7/2/12

Genesis 2:6

Water seemed to be one of the very first parts of creation. This verse states that springs brought water onto the surface of the earth. Water is essential to life. This is why finding water on the planet Mars is so intriguing. Even our human bodies are made up mostly of water. In essence, water is life! How important do you think water is for creation?

Tuesday 7/3/12

Genesis 2:10

Eden had a river flowing through it. This river watered the orchard and the author of this story of creation states that this river divided into four headstreams. Here in the Poconos we have streams, creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes all around us. Water is important to life and supports all kinds of creatures. Even when we give directions to people we sometimes say something like, "after you cross the river, turn right." Water and its tributaries are important geographic features and they provide sustenance for many creatures. Give thanks to God for the water around you today.

Wednesday 7/4/12

Exodus 2:1-10

This is a Bible story that many of us heard or were taught as little children. I remember hearing this story in Sunday School and I had a children's Bible that prominently presented this story complete with a beautiful picture of Moses in the bulrushes. Water was the source of Moses' survival as a baby and water would be important in his life over and over again. Sometimes we take water for granted. Have you ever been parched and thirsty? I mean really thirsty? There is nothing more quenching than water! The next time you drink water remember Moses.



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

The chemical symbol for water is H₂O--two hydrogens and one oxygen. H₂O could also be the symbol of life because of how important water is to life. Today, as you drink water, give thanks to God for each ounce you drink!

What bodies or streams of water are around you? Do you ever spend time looking at the water? Take some time this week to really study and examine water.

Thursday 7/5/12
Exodus 7:19-25

One of the ten plagues that God delivered through Moses to the Egyptians was turning their water sources into blood. This account of the story tells how the fish and other creatures of the water died. Without water these creatures could not live. Without water people cannot live. The Egyptians knew the enormity of this plague for sure. Water is important to every living being. Without water there is eventually no life. Water is that important! Aren't you glad that God created water?

Friday 7/6/12
Exodus 14

The crossing of the Red Sea is the story of salvation for the Jewish people. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and across the sea. He stretched out his hand and the waters divided and the people passed over on dry ground! A miracle! Jesus would later walk on water, too! Think about how many times the Bible speaks about or includes water in its story. Water is important to the story of scripture. Is water important to you?

Saturday 7/7/12
Exodus 17:1-4

Oh, how quickly people forget God's miracles. Just three chapters before this story, God parted the Red Sea and saved the Israelites from Pharaoh. Now the Israelites were thirsty and they wanted water. So they complained and murmured to Moses about it. What do you murmur or complain about? Do you remember God's miracles for more than just a few hours or days? What can we do to keep the miracles of God fresh in our minds and keep ourselves from forgetting them and complaining about other things?