



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - July 15, 2012

Sermon

*The Beauty of Creation:
"God Created Lots of
Green Things!"*

Genesis 1:11-13 & Psalm
104:14-16

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 7/16/12

Genesis 1:11a

God created the grass on the earth. How many times have you had to cut your grass this year so far? I've cut our grass six times so far and I'm fortunate because the grass does not grow on the mountains like it does in the valleys. Even now we are in a drought and the grass is not so green right now. Green is the color of life for grass. When it turns beige or brown, that is not good. Why do you think God created the grass to be green? Is this color significant in any way?

Tuesday 7/17/12

Genesis 1:11b

God created the plants that produce seeds. Think about all the plants that produce their own seeds--tomatoes, pumpkins, sunflowers, watermelon, cantaloupe, corn, and even thistles, just to name a few. How many more can you name? Think about how these seed-producing plants can reproduce and create many more plants into the future. Do you believe Creation was a one-time event or is God still creating today?

Wednesday 7/18/12

Genesis 1:11c

God spoke the grass and the plants into being. After God created the grass and the plants, this story states, "and it was so." Imagine the power of God, who can simply speak things into being! Some of us have a hard time making our children or our pets obey our words. But God can speak things into being and then after God speaks it is so. The power of words are incredible. With words we can build someone up with compliments or we can hurt them with negative comments and name-calling. What words are you using this week? Are your words constructive? How can you speak better?



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

Make a list of all the green plants and trees you see today.

Give thanks to God for creating the grass, plants, and trees for us to enjoy.

Think about how different our world would be if we didn't have green grass, plants, and trees. What would the world look like if green wasn't one of its colors?

Thursday 7/19/12
Genesis 1:12

The grass, plants, and trees came on the earth. God created a lot of green things! Do you have a favorite tree or plant? Some people have a green thumb and enjoy growing plants or trees. We can plant a seed, but how does a seed grow? Who grows it? Farmers can till a field and plant a crop, but who really grows the crop? We must remember to give God credit for how plants and trees grow from tiny seeds. God is an awesome God, don't you think?

Friday 7/20/12
Psalm 104:14

The Psalmist says something about Creation, too. Here in this verse the Psalmist reminds us that the grass God created grows up to become food for the cattle. In a similar way, plants like wheat grow up to be used in the making of bread. How much of our daily diet comes from the plants of the ground? Do you eat salads, vegetables, nuts, berries, and bread? Make a list of all the foods you ate this week that came out of the ground. Circle those that were green. Then give thanks to God for all this!

Saturday 7/21/12
Psalm 104:16

The Psalmist reminds us that God created the trees, too! And the trees are also full of growth--growing up to be very tall in some cases. The towering cedars of Lebanon were created by God. So were the sequoias of California. And these trees have circles in their trunk that mark how many years they've been alive. Trees provide shade, bark, wood, and so much more. We can burn the wood, make a table or a toothpick, and cover our flowerbeds with the bark. We can do this, but God is the One who created the trees for us to enjoy. Thank God for trees today!