

'TIS THE SEASON

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE TRADITIONS

Trees

Genesis 2:9, Genesis 2:16-17
1 Peter 2:24

A tree of life —

The Tree of Life is what God directed.

A tree of knowledge —

The Tree of Knowledge is what God allowed.

A tree of healing —

The cross is what God celebrates.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. In the message we were taught that there were two trees in the garden of Eden that had names. One was a tree of life, and the other was a tree of knowledge about good and evil. Some critics of Christianity contend that it is not fair that God put the second tree in the garden. Is that a struggle you have too?
2. In the message it was said that God celebrates the cross. Read these verses and discuss this concept.
 - a. Acts 5:30
 - b. Acts 10:39
 - c. Galatians 3:13
3. It is obvious that the New Testament speaks often about the cross. Have you ever considered that God would celebrate it, or does the cross seem like a burden in your opinion?
4. A landing idea this week was that there are more cultural connections to the gospel than may be apparent. Does it feel like culture has completely moved away from an ability to hear the gospel, or can you think of other examples where something in our culture might be an unexpected opportunity for unbelievers to hear Jesus clearly?

Memory Verse

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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