

SESSION 4

A Call to Redemption

Oneness

Uniqueness

Intimacy

Adventure

Redemption: _____ what is _____.

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

— Romans 8:20-23

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

— 1 Timothy 1:15-16

A woman does not want to be married to a _____ man.

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

— Galatians 2:20

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

— Ephesians 4:30-32

My pride says I don't have to _____; the gospel says I'm an agent of _____.

REDEMPTION MEANS:

1. I am free to _____ and free to _____.
2. I must be experiencing _____.
3. I must walk in _____ and redemption personally.
4. I must _____ my wife.
5. I must call her to _____ me.
6. Move _____ and _____.

Discussion Questions

1. How does the gospel free us to personify redemption for others?
2. Is there something you need to forgive your wife for? Is there something you need to ask her to forgive you for? Are you willing to talk to her about it?
3. What do you need to do to create a more redemptive environment in your home?