

## **I. Every Square Inch**

- A. Theme: Jesus Christ is the risen and exalted Lord over all things, ruling every square inch of the universe for God's glory.
- B. Text: Matthew 28:18-20
- C. Reading: Psalm 93
- D. Response: Closing prayer or song
- E. Benediction: Psalm 115:14-15

## **II. Creation, Culture, and the Curse**

- A. Theme: Humans were created to cultivate culture by ruling and developing God's creation, but the fall caused significant changes in creation and necessitated redemption.
- B. Text: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-17; 3:14-20
- C. Reading: Psalm 8
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Psalm 115:14-15

## **III. A Tale of Two Kingdoms (Part 1)**

- A. Theme: After the fall, God instituted a distinction between the kingdom of man, the realm of common grace ruled through general revelation, and the kingdom of God, the realm of saving grace ruled through special revelation, in order to preserve the human race and redeem His people.
- B. Text: John 18:33-36
- C. Reading: Psalm 104:24-34
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Psalm 134:3

## **IV. A Tale of Two Kingdoms (Part 2)**

- A. Theme: After the fall, God instituted a distinction between the kingdom of man, the realm of common grace ruled through general revelation, and the kingdom of God, the realm of saving grace ruled through special revelation, in order to preserve the human race and redeem His people.
- B. Text: Romans 2:14-15
- C. Reading: Psalm 19
- D. Response: Closing prayer
- E. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

## **V. The Lord of the Rings - Understanding Sphere Sovereignty**

- A. Theme: God is the Sovereign Lord over every sphere of life and culture, and has given unique calls, gifts, and responsibilities to each sphere, which must not be infringed upon by other spheres.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
- C. Reading: Psalm 9:7-11
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Psalm 128:5-6

## **VI. Giving Caesar His Due - The Role and Limits of Government in Culture**

- A. Theme: Government has been given by God as part of the common kingdom of man to promote justice and maintain order, and Christians are called to pray for and submit to their government whenever possible.
- B. Text: Romans 13:1-7
- C. Reading: Psalm 16
- D. Response: Prayer for our government
- E. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

## **VII. The Law of Moses and Civil Government**

- A. Theme: The Mosaic covenant of law was given to Israel for life in the promised land and was never intended as the basis for government in the common kingdom, and even its function within the people of God has changed with the new covenant.
- B. Text: Deuteronomy 31:9-13
- C. Reading: Galatians 3:6-14
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Genesis 12:2 (Paraphrase)

## **VIII. God's Sojourning Exile People (Part 1)**

- A. Theme: In this age Christians are sojourning exiles, serving with unbelievers in our common kingdom and culture, as we long for our heavenly home.
- B. Text: Hebrews 11:8-10; 13-16
- C. Reading: Advent readings
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Genesis 12:2-3 (Paraphrase)

## **IX. God's Sojourning Exile People (Part 2)**

- A. Theme: In this age Christians are sojourning exiles, serving with unbelievers in our common kingdom and culture, as we long for our heavenly home.
- B. Text: Jeremiah 29:1-14
- C. Reading: Advent readings
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Psalm 67:1-3 (Paraphrase)

## **X. Dare To Be A Daniel: Living As God's Sojourning Exiles**

- A. Theme: Daniel serves as an example of how God sojourning exile people are to remain distinct in their faith and worship yet labor with unbelievers in the common kingdom, in order that God may use us to draw people into His redemptive kingdom.
- B. Text: Daniel 1
- C. Reading: Advent readings
- D. Response: Prayer
- E. Benediction: Psalm 67:1-3 (Paraphrase)

## **XI. Messiah's Mosaic**

- A. Theme: The church is God's nation, comprised of people from every nation and culture, and her primary allegiance is to God's kingdom rather than each members preferred culture.
- B. Text: Galatians 3:26-29
- C. Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Genesis 12:2-3 (Paraphrase)

## **XII. The Call, Christians, and Culture**

- A. Theme: Our primary identity comes from God's call placing us into Christ, but He has also given each of us individual calls - a particular mixture of desires, gifts, talents, responsibilities, relationships, and opportunities that we receive from God and develop and nurture throughout life to allow each of us love and serve God and our neighbor.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
- C. Reading: Mark 12:28-34
- D. Response: Prayer
- E. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

### **XIII. Living As Citizens of Two Kingdoms**

- A. Theme: Christians are citizens of the common kingdom because they are humans, but they are also citizens of the redemptive kingdom because they have been born again in Christ, and they must never confuse or merge these kingdoms.
- B. Text: John 17:14-18
- C. Reading: Psalm 47:1-9
- D. Response: Communion
- E. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

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