**Sermon Outline: 12/15/2019**

**Topical Sermon**

**“Missing the Point of God’s Story”**

*Central Idea: We can celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ while being oblivious to the ultimate purpose of Jesus’ coming, namely, the restoration of God’s creation.*

A) The purpose of mankind.

1) Genesis 1:26-28

B) Satan’s lies & the age of sin and death.

 1) Genesis 3:1-5

C) The good news of the gospel.

 1) Mark 1:14-15

D) God’s ultimate purpose: The restoration of His creation.

 1) Revelation 21:1-5

E) What is the hope of the Christian life?

 1) Romans 8:18-24

**Fellowship Group Questions:**

1) In creating the earth God created a kingdom. Re-read Genesis 1:26-28. What was man and woman’s purpose within God’s kingdom? How did man and woman being created in God’s image allow them to fulfill their intended purpose?

2) Re-read the account of Satan’s temptation in Genesis 3:1-5 and recall Pastor Seth’s explanation of this passage. How do human beings try build their own kingdoms instead of God’s kingdom? How do we make our own definitions of good and evil? How have you done this in your own life?

3) Read Mark 1:14-15. How does Jesus define the gospel? How does the kingdom of God relate to Revelation 21:1-4?

4) Read Romans 8:18-24 where Paul describes the restoration of all creation including our bodies. He says this restoration is the ultimate hope of our salvation (verse 24). As Christians, why is it vitally important to correctly understand the object of our hope?

5) In light of God’s plan to restore his creation as explained in Revelation 21-22, what is the ultimate purpose of Jesus’ birth?