



Environment

Divorce question from last week

-Matthew 19:8-9

-Hard heart

-Sexual Immorality

-1 Corinthians 7:10-16

-unbelieving spouse

-The Bible doesn't make a clear statement about divorce and abuse

-You could possibly use one of the exceptions above

*God forgives all our sins, even divorce

Environment

Genesis 1:28-30

-God gives humans control of his creation as his representative

-Man was to care for the earth and be lord over it

-We see an example of this in Adam naming all the animals

-Creation was made for man's benefit as he worshiped the Creator

-The trees produced fruit for man to eat

-Adam however didn't abuse the garden but cared for it (Genesis 2:15)

-Adam and the garden have a symbiotic relationship

-Adam's work in the garden wasn't labor but enjoyment

Genesis 3:17-21

-Sin makes tending the ground difficult

-God kills an animal for the time

*we can't live in a perfect balance with nature

-Now everything costs something

Genesis 9:1-3

-God allows Noah and future generations to eat meat

-However, now animals and humans don't get along easily

Big Points

*Nature was created for man

*Man was given the task to care for nature (Proverbs 12:10)

*We can't live in perfect balance with nature, there is always a trade-off

Revelation 21:1

-God's plan is not that this earth will last forever

-God's plan is that this earth will end and he will create a new, perfect earth and heaven

*We have to care for the earth but we can't make it an idol