

November Missions Month
“Missio Dei - The First Missionary”
Genesis 3:1-23
November 2, 2025

Sermon Points:

1. Introduction: God, the First Missionary

- Missions Emphasis Month invites us to embrace God’s missionary heart.
- Question: Who was the first missionary? The answer: God Himself, the initiator of all mission, who sends with purpose.
- Genesis 3 bridges creation and the broken world we know—a world marked by suffering but still filled with God’s beauty.

2. The Fall and Its Impact

- Sin’s entrance caused brokenness: pain, toil, conflict, and diminished beauty (Genesis 3:16-19).
- Adam and Eve’s eyes were opened to their nakedness—spiritual vulnerability that led them to inadequate attempts to cover sin.
- Our struggles reflect this original failure, underscoring the need for divine intervention.

3. The Missio Dei: The Mission of God to Save

- God’s mission is to restore lost creation and bring His children home, reflecting His heart, not human achievement.

4. 1. God Takes the Initiative

- God seeks Adam and Eve; He initiates contact even before they seek Him (Genesis 3:8-9).
- His question, “Where are you?” draws them to self-awareness and repentance.
- This is prevenient grace—God’s loving pursuit precedes our response.

5. 2. God Comes to Us

- God meets His people in their brokenness and hiding, offering presence and hope.
- Jesus, “Immanuel,” fulfills this promise—God with us (Isaiah 7:14).
- God’s mission flows from His desire to be present and redeem His people.

6. 3. God Provides the Solution

- Judgment is pronounced but hope is given: the serpent will be crushed (Genesis 3:14-15).
- God clothes Adam and Eve, covering their shame, symbolizing His redeeming work (Genesis 3:21).
- Jesus’ cross is the ultimate fulfillment of God’s plan to restore creation.

7. Conclusion: Join the Missio Dei

- The mission begins with God's initiative, presence, and provision.
- We are called to respond by embodying Christ's love and joining this mission globally and locally.

Personal Notes
