

THE TENACITY OF GOD

1. The _____ of _____...

a. Adam and Eve's mission: take what they were experiencing in Eden and _____ it over the entire planet.

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.'" (Genesis 1:28a)

b. Adam and Eve's response: they pushed _____ God and they made it about _____.

2. The _____ of _____...

a. The mission of humanity: they were to continue to seek to _____ God's kingdom and rule!

"Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth." (Gen 9:1)

b. The response of humanity: they pushed _____ God and they made it about _____.

"Come let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we can make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the earth." (Genesis 11:4)

3. The _____ of _____...

a. Israel's mission: to be the _____ center, source and carrier of the power, presence and love of God.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3)

b. The response of Israel: they pushed _____ God and they made it about _____.

i. See Mark 12:1-12

4. The _____ of _____...

a. The mission of the church: the church's mission is to _____ Christ's mission.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

i. _____...

ii. _____...

iii. _____...

iv. _____...

v. _____...

b. What will be our response?

Today's "Big Idea"...

Following Jesus means pushing _____ Him,

not pushing _____ Him.

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