Meeting 1

The Recovery of the Land

- Christ the Reality of All
- The Center of God's Eternal Plan
- The Battle for the Land
- The Measure of Our Experience of Christ
- Some Practical Examples

Scripture Reading

Genesis

1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.

1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

1:10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas; and God saw that it was good.

1:11 And God said, Let the earth sprout grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind with their seed in them upon the earth; and it was so.

1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with their seed in them according to their kind; and God saw that it was good.

1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

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1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb that produces seed that is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which has fruit that produces seed; they shall be for you as food.

7:17 And the flood was on the earth forty days; and the waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

8:1 And God remembered Noah and all the animals and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God made a wind pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

8:13 And in the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and saw that now the surface of the ground was dry.

8:22 Throughout all the days that earth remains, / Seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, / And summer and winter, and day and night / Shall not cease.

12:1 Now Jehovah said to Abram,

Go from your land / And from your relatives / And from your father's house / To the land that I will show you;

12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Exodus

3:8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the

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Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

6:8 And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you as a possession. I am Jehovah.

Ezekiel

20:40 For on My holy mountain, on the mountain of the height of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah, there will the whole house of Israel, all of them, serve Me in the land; there will I accept them and there will I require your contributions and the firstfruits of your offerings with all your holy things.

20:41 As a sweet savor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the countries among which you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations.

20:42 And you will know that I am Jehovah, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the land concerning which I lifted up My hand to give to your fathers.

1 Corinthians

1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Colossians

2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,

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2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

Ephesians

2:12 That you were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Galatians

5:4 You have been brought to nought, separated from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Bible Study Questions

- 1. You meet an old friend. When they ask, who is Christ, what can you tell them?
- 2. Based on the Bible, how do we know that the land is a type of Christ?
- 3. Think of an aspect of your life where you can apply Christ.