



GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ***Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.***
2. **Volunteering** — You can make a difference in the lives of others by sharing your gifts and talents here at Soma. Each week volunteers minister to others with the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Whatever your interests are, there is a place for you to serve with Soma's Volunteer Ministries.
 - SomaKids
 - Setup and Teardown
 - WhizKids
 - First Impressions
 - Audio/ Visual
 - Music
3. **KAA - Kids Across America (KAA)** is a phenomenal Christian camp for urban youth which offers the experience of a lifetime. During their seven days at camp, participants will experience the joys of a variety of outdoor activities, such as swimming, tubing, archery, high adventure courses, and biking. KAA provides a very safe and non-threatening environment in which youth have the opportunity to clearly hear and see the gospel.

KAA cost \$165 but a \$25 deposit is needed to secure a spot.
4. **Passover** — Maundy Thursday is the day on which Jesus celebrated the Feast of Passover with his disciples, it was here that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as a Sacrament of his church. The name, Maundy. comes from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning commandment. This refers to Jesus' words to his disciples at 'The Last Supper' recorded in [John 13:34](#), "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Join us for a Passover Seder gathering and shared meal at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 18th. Sign up on somajc.org under events.

QUESTIONS

God's masterpiece has just been completed. The world is now in place, perfectly created complete with creatures throughout the land. Fantastic birds of all kind and color fill the air. Sunsets and sunrises paint the sky. Lush forests full of bountiful fruits and great rivers, flowing from the east. Then God said to himself... It's good, but I'm not finished. He then created man. But why did he do it?

Read Genesis 2:4-17

1. Why did God need to create Man? What makes Man special from the rest of creation?

(Ephesians 2:10) God's priority is not for us to go to Heaven. His Priority is for us to do the work that he has planned for us before we came into existence.

(1Corinthians 15:45) When Jesus rose from the dead he entered into a new form of existence. Just as Adam was formed from dirt, he assumed a new and glorified body to suit his new life. As believers in Christ Jesus we too will take on a new and glorified form when our work here on earth is through.

(Ephesians 2:24) We were created in Gods Image to live a Godly (God Like) life.

2. Two trees - Why do you think God's first instruction to Adam was to NOT eat from the Tree of Knowledge and Evil?

Tree of Life represents a transformed life in God (Deuteronomy 29:19-20)

Tree of Knowledge and Evil represents a life that feels the need to figure things out on its own.

"I want to do it MY way!"

3. Why did God create the Tree of Knowledge and Evil to begin with if he knew Adam & Eve were going to eat from it?

God wanted to demonstrate what happens when he releases control. (Romans 5:12-14)

God had an original plan of redemption. (Ephesians 4:22-24) God's laws or rules point Adams sin. The remedy to Death is only found through Christ Jesus (Matthew 20:28).

4. What parallels do you see in your life today from Genesis 2:15-17?

What do you recognize as YOUR Tree of Knowledge & Evil today?

Are you watching out for the things you should partake in? (Tree of Life)

Are you aware of things you shouldn't be a part of? (Tree of Knowledge & Evil)

Do you fully realize the consequence of the Tree of Knowledge and Evil in your world today? (Romans 6:23)