



## **Holy: Holy Curiosity** March 19, 2023

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Proverbs 25:2, Proverbs 6:6

**Sermon Overview:** Albert Einstein said, “Never lose a holy curiosity.” Through the Genesis commission, God invited us to worship by enjoying, exploring, and stewarding His creation. Keep asking questions, keep reading, and keep journaling that God may grant us a non-anxious holy curiosity toward everything and everyone in our walk with Him.

### **Sermon Series Questions:**

1. How is Genesis 1:26 an invitation to a holy curiosity?
2. What are some examples of people in the Bible who accepted this invitation for a holy curiosity? What would it look like for you to accept this invitation?

### **Sermon-Specific Questions:**

1. Proverbs 25:2 says “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.” What matters do you need to search out in your own life? How are you seeking after the Lord?
2. What does it mean that the Lord gave us dominion in Genesis 1:26? How does Solomon express this dominion in 1 Kings 4? How is that different from how David expresses dominion in Psalm 104? Look again at 1 Kings 4 and Psalm 104. How can we see Solomon and David expressing delight and joy in God’s creation? How do you delight in God’s creation? How do you walk in the dominion that Jesus gives us now?
3. What does it mean to have a non-anxious holy curiosity? Consider an area in your life that fosters anxiety for you. How can you look at that situation or person with a non-anxious curiosity? How can you ask questions that are sincere and non-judgemental?

## Digging Deeper:

- Keep Asking Questions: Think back over Pastor Mark's sermon. What's one question that sticks out in your mind?
- Keep Reading: Set aside 15 minutes at the end or beginning of your day to read. What books have you been wanting to dive into? Consider "Einstein: The Life and Times" by Ronald Clark.
- Keep Journaling: Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Describe your day as if nothing was a miracle today. Now, describe it as if everything was a miracle. How does changing your perspective, shift your relationship with God?

## Practical Application:

- Join us in these 3 Lenten Challenges:
  1. **Personal Prayer** - grab a kneeler pad and make an altar. Start and end your day in prayer.
  2. **Corporate Prayer** - join us for [House of Prayer](#), Thursdays at 7:14 pm at the Capital Turnaround, and enjoy dinner on us! / Or plug in through [Upper Zoom](#) Prayer, Thursdays at 7:14am.
  3. **Weekly Fast** - sign up by texting "FAST" to 844-504-0861. Fast food or an activity for 24 hours, once a week.
- Use this prayer for the week as we revel in and enjoy the magnitude of God's holiness at work in us and around us.

Prayer: Romans 1:20 says, "Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things God has made." God, please give me a non-anxious holy curiosity towards everything and everyone that I may see and understand your divine nature and power through your creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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- Download the NCC app or visit [ncc.re/daily](http://ncc.re/daily) to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Jump into a small group this semester. They are all listed at [ncc.re/groups](http://ncc.re/groups).