THE FALL | GOD’S GOOD PURPOSE

WEEK 3: GENESIS 3

ANCHOR PASSAGES.

Consider using these passages as underpinnings for your group’s conversation. Encourage your group to read and pray through these Scripture passages prior to your group meeting and in the days following.

**Genesis 3:6**

**6**So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**Genesis 3:15**

**15**“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

**Helpful Passages:**

* Romans 8:1-4; 15:14-21
* Hebrews 2:14
* Revelation 21:22-23

THEMES.

The following themes trace the high-level movement of this week’s Scripture passage. They may help you begin to frame the direction of your group’s conversation.

1. Satan is a real spiritual being, who is opposed to God. Because he hates God, he seeks to deceive and destroy any man or women he can by *tempting* them to doubt God’s goodness, *blinding* them to God’s beauty, and *distorting* God’s Word. (Gen. 3:1-6; Matt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)
2. The consequence of sin against a Holy God is death. (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23)
3. Sin was not confined to the garden; rather, a sin nature has been inherited by every descendent of Adam. (Rom. 5:12-14; Ps. 14:3; Rom. 3:23)
4. God graciously promised to send Jesus as the better Adam to save us from the penalty of sin. (Gen. 3:15;   
   Rom. 5:12-21)
5. God will create a new heaven and a new earth, where sin will no longer be present, and his children will enjoy him forever. (Rev. 21:22-23; 22:1-5)

QUESTIONS.

Feel free use any, all, or none of these questions as you facilitate your group. Their purpose is to be an aid to you as you consider how to teach the implications of the week’s Scriptures.

1. How does Satan tempt Eve to sin? What is he attempting to cause her doubt? (Gen. 3:1-6)
2. What are some of the consequences of sin in Genesis 3? How do the consequences of sin continue to plague our lives today? Any specific consequences you’re willing to share?
3. God’s grace is on brilliant display in Genesis 3:8-21. Can you point out a few examples?

There are many answers to this question. Consider that God approached Adam and Eve after they sin (vv. 8—13), God promises justice for sin (vv. 14-19), and God clothes Adam and Eve’s nakedness (vv. 20-21).

However, the most important evidence of God’s grace is the promise of the Messiah, Jesus, who would come to conquer sin and death. His coming was foretold in Gen. 3:15 as one who will descend from Eve (Matt. 1:1-17). The promise is clear: though the serpent would bruise his heel (Isa. 53:5), Jesus would ultimately crush his head in defeat (Heb. 2:14).

1. How does the hope of Christ’s victory and a restored world give you hope today?
2. How do the consequences of sin, truth of Christ’s victory, and hope of future restoration for those who believe urge you to proclaim the gospel?

*Personal Mission* – Understanding the mission of God and discovering how He has uniquely gifted me to love and serve His church and the places where I live, work, and play.

PRAY.

Consider allowing the passage to frame your prayer posture for the night.

* Pray for the brokenness of our world and that Christ would come quickly to restore all things. (Acts 1:6)
* Thank God, who graciously chose to save us from our sin through his Son, Jesus.
* Pray for one another. Ask how the burden of sin is felt by each person, and pray for those willing to share.