

Questions to be discussed in Small groups.

Now, let's look at the curse on Eve. Let's think about how your personal life has been affected by it.

1. Pain in childbirth - if you are a mother, describe how your children may have brought you some sorrow over the years. _____
2. Desire to rule over your husband - if you are married, describe a time when you tried to rule over your husband and it did not turn out well.

How can we teach the next generation about this curse and how to find relief from it through Jesus?

Read 1 Timothy 2:15 - how will the woman be saved? Through _____ if they continue in _____, _____, and _____.

When godly mothers produce children who love the Lord, the curse is softened.

Read Ephesians 5:22-24 - How should a godly wife treat her husband? _____
Here we see God's design for a marriage that can be a joy instead of a curse.

When speaking with the next generation, discuss in your group how you can lead younger women to a godly marriage with children who love the Lord.

Thankfully, Genesis 3 ends on a happy note with a wonderful example of forgiveness from God.

Read Genesis 3:20-24. Here, God tells us of the very first sacrifice!

Read Hebrews 9:22 - without the _____ of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins. Animal sacrifices of the Old Testament can only cover sin and point toward the One whom God would send to make the final sacrifice.

How has studying Genesis 1-3 deepened your own personal Biblical worldview?

A Christian's worldview needs to be based on a proper understanding of the history of the world, as revealed in the Bible.

Genesis 1-2: Can you articulate to others how the world began? When God created the world, was it good? Did God give us a plan for marriage? Do each of us have a purpose?

Genesis 3: Why is the world darkened by sin and suffering? Is God responsible for evil?

Go back to where we began... 1 John 2:16... Where do those three categories of sin come from? _____ from the Father but from the _____. Read 1 John 1:5 which says God is light and in Him, there is no _____ at all.

As you see others around you broken by sin/suffering, can you offer biblical hope? Can you explain how God allowed sin to enter in order to demonstrate His great forgiveness and salvation? Can you explain to others that one day God will destroy sin forever?

GENESIS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED...

Jen Wilkin started our homework on Day 2 with this statement: The temptation of Eve teaches us a few things about the way we ourselves can be tempted by the enemy. Let's take another week to study Eve's temptation and her curse.

Read 1 John 2:16

How does John describe the sins of this world?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do you see these three categories in Eve's temptation? Read Genesis 3:6. Put out beside each of Eve's thoughts one of the above categories.

1. Good for food - _____
2. Pleasing to the eye - _____
3. Desirable for gaining wisdom - _____

Think about an area of sin that you are wrestling with today. Which one of these categories does it fit into? _____

Read this quote:

"This is a pattern of sin that runs through Scripture: (1) start listening to the creature instead of the Creator; (2) follow our own impressions instead of God's instructions; (3) make self-fulfillment the goal. The prospect of these things seems good to life when in fact it leads to death."

Discuss this process about a specific sin such as gossip or greed in your group.

The best way to learn to overcome temptation is by looking to the One who has already overcome the world. Read through Jesus' temptation in Luke 4:1-13.

Do you see these same three categories again?

1. Make the stone bread - _____
2. All the kingdoms of the world - _____
3. The angels will lift you up in their hands... - _____

We see that Jesus overcame Satan by quoting God's Word. Do you see the need in your life to learn God's Word as a source of wisdom during temptation? _____

What are you doing in your daily life to hide God's Word in your heart?
