

## ***Adam & Eve***

### **Stories We Thought We Knew**

Genesis 1-3, Romans 5:12, 17, Revelation 21:5

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.*

#### **Listening**

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

#### **Engaging**

What is the difference in reading the account of Genesis as poetry in comparison to narrative, historical, or scientific? How are the things that we read, and the words themselves, intended to be different in a poetic motif?

Have someone read Romans 5 verses 12 and then 17. Since Paul summarizes the impact of humanity's identity and destiny under Adam and then humanity's identity and destiny under Jesus so succinctly, how might we read the account Genesis 1-3 'backwards' in light of this lens and summary? How does the intent of God and the issue of sin become personal and yet also dealt with?

#### **Applying**

God promises in Revelation 21:5 that he is making all things new. This is an ultimate, eternal promise that we hope for, and it is also the work he is intending to work in us and through us now. What sorts of things do you need God to 'make new'?

Eve and the serpent seem to be the primary figures in the pivotal fall of mankind in Genesis 3. But where is Adam? Does Adam's abdication (failure to act in his responsibility) represent or reflect similar shortcomings in your own life? Where are those points of abdication and what might be done to practically address them?

#### **Praying**

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?

How can we pray for our church?



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