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WEEK 3

Man rebels against God

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24



DAY 1

Adam and Eve sinned • Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6

READ

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6

EXPLAIN

The truth of Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-6

Why do you do bad things? You sin when you listen to temptation. **Temptation** is making sin look good. That is how Satan got Adam and Eve to sin. God had given Adam clear instructions not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But Satan tempted Eve in four ways. First, Satan waited until she was weak. She was alone, away from Adam, her leader and protector. Second, Satan questioned what God said. Third, Satan lied to the woman by saying that she would “not surely die.” Fourth, Satan tempted the woman by suggesting that God’s command was unfair. Eve listened and then also persuaded Adam. They both **sinned**, disobeying God’s instruction. Their sin was more than just eating fruit. It was about knowing good and evil on their own, without allowing God to decide what is good and evil. They wanted to be in charge instead of God. This first sin is called **the fall**, when both Adam and Eve and all humans after them (except Jesus), became separated from God by sin (Rom 5:12).

ASK

1. What could Adam and Eve eat in the Garden of Eden?
Fruit from any tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
2. In what four ways did the serpent tempt Eve?
The serpent tempted when Eve was weak, questioned God’s word, lied, and made God’s instructions seem unfair.
3. Why was it wrong to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
This is wrong because Adam and Eve wanted to decide what is right and wrong instead of letting God decide.

DISCUSS

1. Think about a sin you did recently. How were you weak at the time? How did the sin look good? Were you trusting God’s instructions, or did you forget, ignore, or reject them?
2. What are some ways people today try to decide right and wrong apart from God?

DAY 2

Adam and Eve were separated from God • Genesis 3:7–13

READ

Genesis 3:7–13

EXPLAIN

The truth of Genesis 3:7–13

Remember how temptation makes sin seem good? The good feeling does not last. Sin might give temporary pleasure, but the pleasure quickly turns into much greater pain. Adam and Eve's sin led to death, both spiritual and physical (2:17). They eventually died physically (5:5), but spiritual death began immediately. They ceased to be the perfect images of God they were designed to be. First, their morality was polluted as they felt awful guilt and shame over their sin. Second, their relational design was damaged as they no longer felt safe with each other or with God. Third, as we will read next time, their position as rulers was harmed, as nature would no longer submit to human care. In the end, when we sin we fail to accomplish our purpose as people made in God's image. We were made to live for His honor, but when we sin, we live for ourselves. Adam and Eve would not even honor God by rightly confessing their sin. Even though God gave them the opportunity to repent, they refused to confess and instead blamed others. Sin certainly is a killer.

ASK

1. Did sin make Adam and Eve feel good?
No. They felt guilty, ashamed, and afraid.
2. When God came to the garden, what did Adam and Eve do?
They hid from Him. Sin broke their relationship with God.
3. How did Adam and Eve die?
They eventually died physically, but they died spiritually right away by being separated from God, who is their source of life and purpose for living.
4. After sinning, did Adam and Eve want to honor God or themselves?
Themselves. They blamed others for their sin to try to make themselves look good.

DISCUSS

1. When you sin, what does it do to your relationship with God (Isa 59:2)?
2. Describe a time you sinned recently. How did the sin look good at first? When you sinned, how long did it feel good? In the end, what pain did your sin cause?

DAY 3

God punished Adam and Eve • Genesis 3:14–24

READ

Genesis 3:14–24

EXPLAIN

The truth of Genesis 3:14–24

Sin has painful consequences. God judged Adam and Eve's sin with a curse. First, God cursed the serpent. He cursed the animal that had become Satan's tool and Satan himself who had appeared as a serpent. Second, God judged the woman. She would find pain in the place where she should have found her greatest joy—in her role as mother and wife. In marriage, she

would be tempted to control her husband instead of submitting to him, and her husband would be tempted to control and use her instead of loving her. Third, God judged the man by cursing the ground. Work was a blessing Adam enjoyed before the fall, but now work would be hard, painful, less productive, and end in death. Because of Adam's sin, all creation suffers (Rom 8:20). Yet even in punishing, God was gracious: the woman could still have children, marriage would still exist, and the ground would still produce food. God is just, but He is also kind.

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ASK 

1. How did God judge Satan?
Satan would one day be crushed.
2. How did God judge the woman?
He gave her pain in childbirth, the desire to control her husband, and the pain of having an unloving husband.
3. How did God judge the man?
By cursing the ground.
4. How was God kind even in punishing?
God did not completely destroy. He still allowed children, marriage, and food.

DISCUSS 

1. List some painful or sad things. Why has God brought such suffering into the world? (To get people to realize that there is something wrong with life apart from God.)
2. Adam's sin caused harm to many other people. Think of a time you sinned recently. How did your sin harm other people besides yourself?

DAY 4*God promised Adam and Eve a Savior • Genesis 3:14–24***READ** 

Genesis 3:14–24

EXPLAIN **The truth of Genesis 3:14–24**

Adam and Eve's sin is very sad, but there is good news too. When God judged Adam and Eve, He also gave hope. A child would be born one day who would defeat Satan once and for all. This Savior would suffer because of Satan, but in the end the Savior would triumph. God also graciously provided clothes to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness, a symbol of the Lamb of God who would one day die to cover the sins of all who repent (John 1:29). In the midst of sin and judgment, the story ends with hope and faith. Adam named his wife Eve because he believed God's promise that she would bear children, and that one of her descendants would be the Savior. Adam believed that his sin would one day be washed away, and his relationship with God restored. This happened when Jesus came to earth. When we trust in Him, our sinful selves are crucified with Him, and His righteous life is put into us. Because of that, we may once again live as friends of our holy Creator.

ASK 

1. Who is this child of the woman?
Jesus.
2. What would Jesus do to Satan?
Jesus would crush Satan. He would win the final victory.
3. What would Satan do to Jesus?
He would cause Jesus to suffer and even die—but Satan would not win.
4. What did God do to make clothes for Adam and Eve?
God killed an animal, just as Jesus would die to cover our guilt and shame.

DISCUSS 

1. When you sin, where do you turn for help? When life is hard, what do you put your hope in?
2. Adam believed God's promise of salvation. What do you believe?

DAY 5

Jesus broke the power of sin and death • Romans 5:12–21

READ

Romans 5:12–21

EXPLAIN

The truth of Romans 5:12–21

Adam's sin in the garden has been passed down to every human, just like pollution in a spring pollutes the entire river that flows out of it. A child does not need to be taught how to be disobedient or selfish. Every person comes into this world with a sin nature. This sinful nature also brings death with it. So Adam, the first human, brought sin and death to all humans. But Jesus is the second Adam. Adam disobeyed, but Jesus perfectly obeyed. Adam chose to live by his own rules, but Jesus always did what His Father said. Adam lived for himself, but Jesus gave his life for others. While Adam brought death, Jesus brings eternal life. While Adam brought condemnation, Jesus brings justification. Adam brought slavery to sin, but Jesus brings victory over sin. So don't trust yourself like Adam did. Trust Jesus, and He will rescue you from sin and death.

ASK

1. What bad things came to us because of Adam's sin?
We all experience death, condemnation, and slavery to sin.
2. Who is affected by Adam's sin?
Everyone. Adam represented all mankind in his sin.
3. Why is Jesus called the second Adam?
Jesus lived the kind of life that Adam (and every person) was supposed to live.
4. What good things come because of Jesus' obedience?
Jesus offers eternal life, righteousness, and freedom from sin.

DISCUSS

1. Does your sin ever cause you to be sad and hopeless? How does Jesus give you hope?
2. After hearing about who Jesus is and what He has done, how should a person feel about Jesus? How do you feel about Him?

NEXT WEEK

Cain rebels against God

Genesis 4:1–15

