

Bible Discussion 3: Brokenness and Redemption

Text: Genesis 3:6-19

Purpose: To understand how sin changed God's original creation and to understand God's wonderful plan to restore it.

1. **Opening Question:** *When was the last time something you cherished broke? What was your response?*

Read and Discuss V.6-7

God created and loves Adam and Eve. In order to prevent a forced love from them, God gave them the option to love Him back. So He gave them "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil". He forbid them from eating it; giving them a chance to worship Him. The desire to be their own god and worship themselves was presented to Adam and Eve, they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil believing it would satisfying and improve their life, but as sin always does it over promises and under delivers. Adam's decision breaks their relationship with God and ushers sin in to a perfect world.

2. *When was a time that you were conflicted with sin appearing to be satisfying/good, but knowing that it wouldn't deliver and wouldn't satisfy? (maybe you were tempted to steal thinking you would provide for yourself, maybe you were tempted to gossip thinking it would make you feel better, or a time when you were tempted to be jealous of someone's life situation, or tempted to have unrighteous anger toward someone thinking it would be satisfy you)*
3. *How can you avoid seeing the lie of sin as something that will satisfy and help you?*

Read and Discuss V.8-13

Adam and Eve heard the "sound" of the Lord. Together they fled into the trees to hide from God. When God finds them they are afraid because their sin has marred their perfect image.

4. *Adam and Eve responded to their sin by hiding from God and blaming others. How do you respond to your sin? Do you tend to **hide** or do you tend to **blame**?*

Read and Discuss V. 14-19

The result of Adam and Eve's sin was a broken relationship with God and with each other. Pain in childbearing, relational strife, and difficulty in work would be a reminder of the rebellion against God. This one act by Adam and Eve opened the door for sin to infiltrate the earth. Rom. 1:28 *Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.* When Adam chose to rebel, his mind was darkened by sin, as are the minds of his successors.

5. *Can you identify areas of your life that are broken? Parts about you that you know are not who you are supposed to be. Can you name one or two areas? (Maybe it's brokenness in our unrighteous anger, un-forgiveness, or shame? Maybe it's relational brokenness--strife with a family member, friend or co-worker?)*

Discuss

The hope for a broken world is that God is merciful. God doesn't destroy Adam and Eve, instead He makes a promise to one day send someone (Jesus) who will strike back against the evil that threatens His creation, His people and His plan. God provides for them, He doesn't leave them in their shame but makes garments to cover themselves in. God also curses us and creation. Cursing is a reminder for us of our need for Him. Not cursing us we would become comfortable in our alienation and death.

6. *Of the mercy that God gives which is most helpful for you to have—God's promises of His future good works? God's provision for our needs? God's curse or reminders of our need for Him?*