

Gospel According to Genesis

Week 2

Community Group Guide

Prayer: (1-2 mins)

Lord, please open our eyes to the truth of your word. We pray for wisdom as we prepare to read your word, clarity for while we read, and discernment as we apply your word to our hearts. Let your word change our actions. We pray the truth we find here will transform our heart and mind to follow more after you. Amen.

Introduction: (2 mins)

Week 2 in the series The Gospel According to Genesis

Pastor Shannon said without an understanding of this passage in Genesis 3 then we can't truly understand or appreciate the Gospel.

Without comprehending the gravity and sadness of Genesis 3, you don't grasp the joy of the gospel.

It explains why Jesus had to come, why he had to die.

Read: (2 mins)

Genesis 3:1-19

Watch: (4 mins) / have someone write down the scriptures referenced in the video

CREATION from The Spoken Gospel on Youtube

https://youtu.be/Bd_bgq_Z5L0

or go to

<https://www.spokengospel.com/books/devotionals/genesis-3>

Search: (2 mins)

Have group members look up the scriptures referenced in the video to be ready to read them as they are discussed.

Discuss: (10-15 mins)

Discuss Genesis 3:1-7 and the video.

- During the discussion be ready to read the scriptures referenced in the video.

- What was said in the video you may not have known or considered before?

Message Recap: (10-15 mins) / this section will contain main points or scriptures to read, discuss, ask questions.

Definition of temptation -

Temptation is an invitation to meet a God-given need in a non-God-given way

Satan lied to Adam and Eve and convinced them to question whether God had their best interest at heart

Notice the serpent isn't denying the existence of God, but instead questioning his goodness and his character.

That's 'Temptation 101' 'Sure...God is there but God is holding out on you

But now the goodness of God is called into question.

The serpent drops the thought in there, and the temptation is considered.

It would be nice to assume that this was an isolated incident and just an 'Adam and Eve problem' and not an entire humanity problem.

But it is still a problem. Temptation is all around.

And we have got to Remember God's Goodness.

The root lie of our enemy is that if you obey God you will not be happy.

That way is an inferior way.

That he's a cosmic bully.

A bad parent.

God's not a bad parent any more than you are a bad parent for putting up a baby gate to protect your toddler.

God is a good, loving, protective, father.

God is the creator and the creator God is a good God

Life is a gift from God

Before sin - life was good. No shame, no guilt, no regret, no remorse, nothing to hide.

Discuss & Application: (10-15 mins)

Point 1. When you are tempted remember God's goodness.

What are some scriptures that describe the goodness of God? (Look up, share, discuss)

Read: **Genesis 3:16-19** and discuss the consequences.

How are these consequences still evident today?

Compare Romans 6:23 and Genesis 3:19.

Point 2. When you fail, run to the grace of God.

Why? Because God seeks after the sinner. God seeks after us, even when we have failed.

Genesis 3:8b-9 NLT

So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

What other scriptures show God pursuing us?

Close in Prayer