



Study #14

Questions for Genesis:

The Fall (3:14-16)

^{NAS} **Genesis 3:14** And the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, And dust shall you eat All the days of your life; ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." ¹⁶ To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis chapter 3:14-16. What title would you give to this section of scripture?
2. Verse 14 declares God saying, "Because you have done this..." What does "this" refer to?
3. What eleven truths about the serpent do you discover from chapter 3:14-16?

Take some time to explain each of those eleven truths about the serpent that you listed.

Of those eleven truths, what are the three most impactful truths in your opinion? Why?



DAY 2

4. What truths does this passage reveal about the character of God?
5. Is there anything revealed about the character of God that stands out to you personally? Explain.
6. This passage records God making some bold predictions about the future. What are those predictions? Has God cashed in on those predictions? Explain.
7. Theologians assert that this passage contains the first reference to the gospel. Is there any support for this in the passage? Explain.

Day 3

8. What were the consequences faced by the serpent as a result of his actions?
9. What were the consequences faced by the woman as a result of her actions? Take time to explain those consequences.
10. Is there anything wrong with the woman's "desire" being for her husband? Explain.



11. This passage says that the husband “shall rule” over his wife. How is this to be understood? Is this a good thing? Explain.

12. What do you think is the most important point of this passage? Explain.

13. What are some of the ways that you think this passage should be applied in the lives of believers?

14. In what way does this passage minister to you personally? Explain.

Options for teenage adults and children

Assigned teens should pick one option and come ready to share. Teens are free to use their creativity and come up with a different idea! Please allow your parents to assist you as you prepare for Care Group. This is a great opportunity for the family to work together in an effort to bless the Care Group.

Another option is to give the teen some time during the Care Group meeting to prepare one of the following and then have one of the teens present to the entire group.

- Create a skit in which you depict God casting judgment on the Serpent and Eve. Be creative!
- Suppose you have been asked to explain the significance of this passage to a classroom of college freshmen. None of the students believe in Jesus, but the professor has asked you to speak for five minutes to his students with the goal of converting them all to Christianity. Prepare a scripted message that you plan on delivering to the class.
- Create a broadcast in which a news reporter interviews the Serpent, Eve, and Adam (feel free to look ahead in the passage) in order to unpack the event of The Fall and its consequences. Be creative! You might even include a commercial between interviews.