



Study #13

Questions for Genesis:

The Fall (3:9-13)

^{NAS} **Genesis 3:9** Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." ¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 3:1-13 in order to get the larger picture. Describe how the narrative unfolds prior to getting to verse 9.
2. What title would you give to Genesis 3:9-13?
3. If you were to create a devotional outline from Genesis 3:9-13, what would your outline be? Come up with a title and outline that you think would communicate the passage effectively to the typical educated nonbeliever.

If you have time, feel free to flesh out your outline in more detail.

DAY 2

4. What makes verse 9 so shocking?

5. Does the question asked by God in verse 9 undermine His omniscience? Explain.
6. Read Adam's response (3:10) to God's initial question (3:9b). How does Adam describe his behavior in his response to God's initial question?

Do you identify at all with Adam? Explain.

7. What is God's response to Adam as recorded in verse 11? If God is omniscient and therefore knows the answers to His questions, then why does He ask the questions?

Day 3

8. What is significant about Adam's response (3:12) to the questions God asks (3:11)?

Do you identify with Adam in any way? Have you ever blamed someone else for your poor choices? Have you ever blamed God for the messes you have gotten yourself into?

9. Think back to when God first brought the woman to Adam and compare Adam's attitude then to what it is in Genesis 3:12. What do you notice as you make the comparison? What is so heartbreaking about Adam's response in Genesis 3:12? Explain. If you are a married man, in what ways is this instructive for you?
10. Is Eve's response to God as recorded in Genesis 3:12 a reasonable response? Explain.



11. What does this portion of scripture reveal about the character of God? Explain.

12. In what ways 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 3-5 minute skit on Genesis 3:9-13. This can be done in a few different ways. One person can do the skit, weaving in and out of the different persons, including God. Or a group can create the skit, assigning a different role to each person.
- Come prepared to share a brief devotion that is rooted in the work you did in response to question #3.
- If you are an artist, take the time to illustrate something from these passages that you have studied. Be prepared to share your illustration with the Care Group.

