



Study #12

Questions for Genesis:

The Fall (3:6-8)

^{NAS} **Genesis 3:6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. ⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis chapter 3:6-8. What title would you give to this section of scripture?
2. Why did Eve decide to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and of evil?
3. In what way does 1 John chapter 2:16 parallel Genesis 3:6?
4. Please list at least one concrete example of each of the following:

The lust of the flesh

The lust of the eyes

The boastful pride of life
5. Read the following passages: Romans 5:12 and I Timothy 2:14. How do these passages expand your understanding of what happened as revealed through Genesis 3:6-8?



DAY 2

6. Typically, there is a path that a person takes that leads to sin. Adam and Eve took such a path. Along the path, Adam and Eve made a number of poor choices. Make a list of the poor choices that they made.

What are some of the choices that Adam and Eve could have made along the path that would have prevented them from ultimately eating of the forbidden fruit?

7. What happened to Adam and Eve as a result of their eating the forbidden fruit?
8. Describe in detail the effect that sin has on our relationships with one another, paying special attention to the effect that sin has on our marriages.
9. Describe in detail the effect that sin has on our relationship to God.

Day 3

10. The forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve ate had a negative effect on their relationship with each other as well as their relationship with God. Is there any forbidden fruit in your life that you are aware of that does damage to your relationship with others as well as with God?
11. If all we had to go by was Genesis 3:6-8 we would be left completely devastated. The story would then end on a very bad note. However, there is more to the narrative. Be sure to read all of chapter three and then provide reasons that believers, along with Adam and Eve, can have hope.

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 of Genesis 3:7-8 in order to effectively communicate the narrative to the folks in your Care group.
- Prepare a basic outline of Genesis 3:6-8 that you would use to preach this passage. Your outline should include a title, main points, sub-points (depending on how you structure your message), and simple summaries of how you would unpack each point and sub-point. Come to Care group prepared to deliver your message (no more than 10 minutes).
- Imagine you are Adam or Eve and have been asked to talk about the painful choice of eating the forbidden fruit. Prepare a brief testimony designed to warn others about making poor choices.
- Develop an interview of Adam and Eve that is designed to be aired on one of the popular news channels. Your interview should be no more than 5 minutes. Feel free to include a brief commercial on a topic of your choice. One person can take on several roles, or a number of folks can take on separate roles. Be creative!