

Curse - 1/13 Discussion Questions

Genesis 3

Review

The devil's playbook:

1. Question God's Word - "Did God really say...?"
2. Confuse God's Will - "Is that rule really reasonable?"
3. Downplay the Dangers - "No one will get hurt..."
4. Focus on your Desires - "Look what you could have!"

Our playbook:

1. We cover up our mistakes
2. We hide from God and others
3. We blame others (and God)

God Always Keeps His Word

- God Promised to Punish Sin (2:17)
 - He cursed the serpent
 - He gave consequences to people
- God Promised to Provide a Savior (3:15)
 - To crush the serpent
 - To cover our sin
 - To open the way back into God's presence and blessing
 - To restore the whole world

Connect

1. What is one good thing and one bad thing that happened to you this week?
2. Why do you think the world is the way it is - this mixture of good and bad experiences?

Read Genesis 3

Discuss

3. Retell the story - what happened? Why did it happen? What were the consequences?
4. Compare God's command in Gen 2:16-17 to the devil's temptation in 3:1-5. What is the same? What is different?
5. In what ways does the devil use the same strategies against us today? How do we use the same playbook as Adam and Eve?
6. What did God promise in Gen. 2:17? What did He promise in Gen 3:14-19?
7. How does God's fulfillment of those promises strengthen your faith?

Apply

8. How does Genesis 3 highlight the work of Jesus? How does that encourage you?
9. What are you struggling with this week - either with the brokenness of this world or the "knowledge of good and evil" in your own heart (or both)?

Pray

10. How can we pray for you this week?