

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 13, 2014

Passage: Genesis 1:26-3:24

Memory Passage: Genesis 3:15

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Gen 1:26-28 & Eccl. 7:29.** (*I could write dozens of Discussion Guides for these verses, so remember that we are trying to take a particular trajectory and not cover every aspect of every verse. There will be much in these verses that you will not be asked about during this week.*) What does it mean for God to “make man in our image, after our likeness?”

(b) Explain each of the 5 parts of what is known as the “Creation Mandate,” also known as the “Cultural Mandate” (v. 28).

(c) Before their fall, what was Adam and Eve’s moral state, and what does this, along with the fact that they were created in God’s image, tell you about the purpose of the Creation/Cultural Mandate?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Gen. 1:29-2:15.** Genesis 2:4 begins a more focused and detailed recap of the 6th day of creation. Describe what life was like in the Garden of Eden.

(b) What, specifically, do you learn about the trees in the Garden (v. 9)?

(c) How does 2:15 restate the Creation/Cultural Mandate?

(d) What implications concerning vocation can you draw from the fact that Adam was given work prior to the fall?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read Gen. 2:16.** What exactly would Adam & Eve experience if they ate of the forbidden fruit (e.g. moral responsibility? Moral awareness? Moral discrimination? Something else?)?

(b) What kind of death would they experience if they ate this fruit?

(c) Why did God forbid Adam & Eve from eating fruit from this particular tree, and why were all the other trees sufficient for them (cf. 2:9)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read Gen. 3:1-13.** Analyze what the woman said, thought, and did and write down the things she said/thought/did that were true and not true. Were the untrue things she spoke lies or misunderstandings? What difference does it make?

(b) Analyze what the serpent said. In what ways did he lie to the woman?

(c) What was God’s response to Adam & Eve, and how did their relationship change as a result of eating the forbidden fruit?

(d) Considering the Creation/Cultural Mandate, what should the man have done when the serpent spoke in the Garden?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Genesis 3:14-24.** Explain how God punished Eve (v. 16) and Adam (vs. 17-19).

(b) Why did God expel them from the Garden, and why would it have been bad for them to eat the fruit of the tree of life?

(c) While in v. 14 God deals with the serpent as an animal, in v. 15 He deals with Satan, who stands behind the acts of the serpent. What does the word “enmity” mean, and how was there enmity between Eve and Satan?

(d) The word translated “offspring” is literally “seed.” Who is the seed of the woman and who is the seed of Satan, and what is meant by the phrases “he shall bruise your head” & “you shall bruise his heel?”

(e) Verse 15 is often described as the “Protoevangelium” or “First Gospel.” Explain why this is so.

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