

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 11, 2005

Passage: Genesis 3:15

Memory Passage: Galatians 4:4

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 2:15-17.** How was God's grace first revealed in the Garden? What else did God give Adam in addition to this word of grace?
- (b) How is God's grace revealed to us in Jesus coming to be a man (2 Corinthians 8:9)?
- (c) How is the grace of God revealed to us in salvation (1 John 4:10, 19)?
- (d) What do these passages tell us about the gracious nature of God (Matthew 7:7-11; Ephesians 3:20; Romans 8:32)?
- (e) In Genesis 2:17, what is the one command that God gives? Why would this command not be a burden for them? Is this true of all of God's commands (1 John 5:3)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Genesis 2:15-17. Discuss the creation of the Garden that God had prepared for Adam and Eve. What was special about it? What would have been your favorite part of the Garden? Talk about the evidences of God's grace to Adam and Eve. What evidences of God's grace have you seen recently? Spend some time thanking God for being such a gracious giver!

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 3:1-5.** How is Satan described in this passage? What does this indicate about him?
- (b) According to 2 Corinthians 11:3, what is the goal of his temptations? How does he usually operate (2 Corinthians 11:14)? Did he do this in the Garden?
- (c) Does Satan still attack people to try to lead them astray (1 Chronicles 21:1; Revelation 12:10)? *How frequent* are his accusations and temptations?
- (d) How have these accusations been dealt with (Zechariah 3)? When did this happen? How is this related to the message of Christmas?
- (e) What in Eve's response indicates that she had already begun to move away from grace (Genesis 3:2-3)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Genesis 3:1-3. Discuss the temptations of Satan. How does he try to trick us? Talk about some of the things Satan uses to take people away from God's grace. Pray for each other, especially regarding those things that Satan uses to deceive us.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 3:6-13.** What happens in Genesis 3:7-9? What evidence of God's grace do you find here?
- (b) How is the curse on the serpent different from the curses on Adam & Eve in Genesis 3:14-19? How is this another evidence of God's grace? Compare what happened to them with what happened to the rebellious angels (2 Peter 2:4).
- (c) What evidences of common grace do we see today (Matthew 5:44-45; Luke 6:35; and Acts 14:16-17)?
- (d) Read Luke 13:2-5. How does this provide an example of God's grace to sinners? How should God's grace effect sinners (Romans 2:4 and Joel 2:13-14)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Genesis 3:6-13. Talk about the Fall of man and the grace of God. How has God responded to man's disobedience? Talk about why Jesus came and how his death defeated Satan. Discuss the real meaning of Christmas and spend some time thanking God for sending Jesus as our savior.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Genesis 3:15.** How is God's grace revealed here? What does it mean for this savior to be born of "the seed of woman"? Why is this significant (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25)?
- (b) Read Galatians 4:4-6. What did Paul tell us about the timing of His coming? What does he say about His birth in this passage? What parts are similar to Genesis 3:15?
- (c) In Genesis 3:15, what indicates that Jesus will suffer in providing our salvation?
- (d) Compare this with other passages about the Messiah, especially Isaiah 53:4-6 and Matthew 27:26-35. What do we learn about the suffering of the Messiah?
- (e) What in Genesis 3:15 indicates that Jesus will be victorious over Satan?
- (f) *Family:* Read Genesis 3:15 and talk about each aspect of the verse. What is the significance of "her seed"? What does this point toward? How is this fulfilled in the message of Christmas? Why does it speak about the heel of Jesus being bruised? How does it speak about Satan being defeated? Read Isaiah 53:4-6 and talk about how Jesus fulfilled this prophecy. Thank God for the accuracy of His Word and for fulfilling every prophecy.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Genesis 3:7-13.** What did Adam and Eve do when their eyes were opened to their sin (Genesis 3:7-12)?
- (b) How do people respond today to their sins (John 3:19-20)? Can a person hide from God (Psalm 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:24)?
- (c) In addition to hiding, what is another response to our sin that we see in the Garden (Genesis 3:12-13)? What is God's response to man's hiding? What does this show us about the grace of God (1 John 4:19)?
- (d) **Read Genesis 3:20-24.** What other evidences of God's grace do you see in the garden?
- (e) What had to happen for God to provide a covering for Adam and Eve? Why is this significant? How does it relate to the final payment for sin that Jesus would provide (John 1:29-36)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Genesis 3:7-13. What do people do when they sin? Why do we do this? Have you ever responded this way when you knew you did something wrong? What should we do when we sin? Pray together for someone that needs to come to faith in Jesus. Ask God to show you ways you can share the good news of Christmas with this person.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Genesis 3:7-19. Talk about the sin of Adam and Eve and the effects of sin on life today. What is the worst effect of sin? What promise did God provide for Adam and Eve when they sinned? How does this promise point to Jesus? What does Genesis 3:15 have to do with Christmas? Pray together for services tomorrow that Jesus might be worshipped for who He is.

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The Promise of Christmas

“When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his son, born of a woman ...”