



UPSTATE GROUP GUIDE

Through the Bible |

January 13-19 |

Genesis 1-3

Things to Know

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Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

Read

Read Genesis 3:1-22 and make observations about the text.

- What is God teaching us in the passage?
 - What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
 - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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Sermon Recap

- Genesis 1-3 is the explanation for the world around us. If we understand these three chapters of the Bible we can understand why the world is the way it is.
 - The foundations of the Christian worldview are seen in Genesis 1-2.
 - There is a God who is, was, always was, and always will be.
 - He created all things, and all things were created good.
 - God created all things, so God gets to say how all things work.
 - The first sin originates in the heart of man and woman when they determine to do things their way and see autonomy from the God whom they are totally dependent on.
 - Though sin has broken the world we live in, God has not left us alone. In the brokenness of Genesis 3 we see two promises of redemption for the people of God. God promises a Savior (Gen. 3:15), and God covers our shame (Gen. 3:21).
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Discussion Questions

1. "What things?" (Luke 24:19)

When Jesus asks the disciples about their conversation, He invites them to express their doubts and struggles. How does Jesus' question encourage authenticity in our own relationship with Him and others? How can we create a space in this group for honest dialogue about our faith and struggles?

2. "But we had hoped..." (Luke 24:21)

The disciples express disappointment and shattered expectations about who they thought Jesus would be. What are some ways we experience unmet expectations in our walk with God? How can we learn to trust God's plan even when it looks different from our own?

3. "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26)

Jesus reframes their understanding of His suffering by pointing them to Scripture. How does this passage challenge us to view suffering in light of God's greater redemptive plan? How can we rely on God's Word for clarity when we face confusion or hardship?

4. "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road?" (Luke 24:32)

The disciples reflect on how their hearts were stirred as Jesus explained the Scriptures. When have you experienced a similar moment where God's Word brought clarity, conviction, or comfort? How can we cultivate a deeper hunger for the Scriptures in our daily lives?

5. "Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:35)

The disciples share how Jesus revealed Himself through the Word and a shared meal. How does this encourage us to see Jesus in both the study of Scripture and in fellowship with others? How can we be intentional about sharing how God is working in our lives to encourage others?

Scripture

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You[a] shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So 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 to be desired to make one wise,[b] she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?

The opening chapters of scripture are foundational for the Christian worldview. Sometimes, in a broken world like ours, Christians look around and become really frustrated with the state of things. Genesis 3 tells us why everything is the way it is. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus has come to fix what is broken. Instead of being frustrated with the broken world we are called to carry Jesus into the broken world. How is God calling you to carry Jesus with you to restore what is broken?

Optional Breakout Questions

Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:

1. How did you feed yourself?
 - *(What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)*
 2. How did you feed others?
 - *(How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)*
 3. How did you feed your flesh?
 - *(What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)*
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Leader Resources

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