

Bible Study - God's Kingdom (The Big Picture)

Wk 2 - The perished Kingdom: Genesis 3

Genesis 3 tells the sad story of how God's perfect creation is spoilt. This week we consider the question of evil, the tactics of Satan who wants people to distrust and disobey God and the sinfulness of human hearts.

Opening Question:

1. Where does temptation come from?
2. What methods weaknesses does Satan exploit? (1 John 2:15-17, Luke 4:1-11)
3. What does temptation look like in the world today?

Read Genesis 3

1. What tactics do we see Satan use in this passage?
 - a) How do we see Satan using the same tactics today?

2. What is Satan trying to achieve? (1 Peter 5:8, John 10:10)

3. What did Adam and Eve do wrong?
 - a) In what way are we guilty of the same sin?

4. How do we see sin damaging relationships in Genesis 3 and today between:
 - a) Men & Women
 - b) Humans and creation
 - c) Humans & God

5. What were the consequences of sin/disobedience?
- a) How did these compare with what God said?
 - b) How did they compare with what the serpent said?
 - c) What is the long term outcome?

4. What does God's punishment mean for:
- a) the Serpent?
 - b) the woman?
 - c) the man?
 - d) all human beings?

5. What should we do if we fall when tempted? (Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 John 2:1-2)

6. What signs of hope can be seen in this chapter?

Personal Reflection:

- 1. In what areas are you most susceptible to temptation?
- 2. How can you guard against temptation?
- 3. Think of a specific situation in which you have not accepted responsibility for your actions. How did you feel? Were you at peace with God when this happened?