



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

Genesis 3:1-24
Romans 8:20-22

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. What does it mean that the Hebrew word translated as "crafty" doesn't necessarily mean evil, but "wise" or "clever"? Knowing this, do you think that Eve would have had any reason to question what the serpent was saying? How do you imagine yourself responding in her spot? Read 1 John 2:15-17 and Romans 1:18-23. What do these verses say about Eve's sin, and our own sin?
2. What *should* Adam have said to Eve when she offered him the fruit? What sort of choice did he have to make?
3. Have you ever had that feeling that Chris described of knowing you've done something wrong that would change how things are and have substantial consequences? What was that like? Would this have been similar to how Adam or Eve felt after they realized what they did? (See Genesis 3:7)
4. Knowing that the gospel was proclaimed as early as Genesis 3:15, what does that say about God's plan, which we learned about a few weeks ago?
5. Read Romans 8:20-22. What difference should it make for us in knowing that one day, everything lost in the Fall will be restored?
6. When you see/experience suffering, does that remind you of your sin? How *should* we react when we encounter pain and suffering?
7. This week, what can you do to keep it in mind that suffering is a reminder of our sin, and that we have a glorious hope awaiting us?