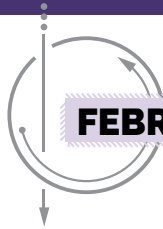




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FEBRUARY 5: HUSBAND & WIFE

GENESIS 2:18-25

1. What does God do for Adam? What does this reveal about God's character?
2. Why do you think God used Adam's rib to form Eve when He used dust for the other created beings?
3. **Read verse 23**, what does Adam say about the woman? What does this tell you about God's creation of women?
4. **Read verses 24-25**, what does this passage tell us about marriage. Why is marriage such an important instruction to God and to society?
5. Marriage was part of God's creative act when He made humanity in His image- "male and female He created them" (Gen 1:27). Why is this significant for understanding our role as image bearers who reflect God's glory into the world?
6. Adam was given responsibility for naming the woman. What does this highlight about the role God intended for the man in marriage?
7. What does it mean for the husband to lead his wife? What does it mean for the wife to be a "suitable helper"? (See Eph 5:21-33).
8. How is marriage a picture of Jesus' relationship to the church?
9. What foundational characteristics of marriage does Genesis 2 highlight? Why do you think there is such a push in our culture to redefine marriage?
10. Why do you think God limits marriage to one man and one woman? What problems can arise when marriage is practiced outside of this framework?
11. As our culture continues to push the boundaries of marriage away from the Biblical view, how can followers of Jesus respond with both truth and grace?



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FEBRUARY 12: SINNING & HIDING

GENESIS 3:1-7

1. Describe the serpent (v.1). Whom does the serpent represent? (See Revelation 12:9; 20:2).
2. What was God's instruction to Adam regarding the trees in the garden? (See Genesis 2:8-17)
3. According to Genesis 3:1-6, did God originally mean for Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of life?
4. Describe the steps that the serpent took in tempting Eve to disobey God. What temptations are you facing today? Is there any similarity?
5. How did Adam and Eve respond after eating the fruit? How are you responding to temptation and sin?
6. In what areas of our culture today does Satan continue to ask us, "Did God actually say. . . "?
7. According to Job 1:6-12, Luke 4:1-13, and Revelation 20:2, 7-10, what are Satan's limitations?
8. What is truth? What is relativism? What does Jesus say about truth? (See John 18:36-37)
9. According to Jesus, who will help us discern what is truth? (See John 16: 7-15)
10. What are the best ways to stay in the truth and avoid falling into temptation?



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FEBRUARY 19: NAKED & AFRAID

GENESIS 3:8-12

1. Why would the omnipresent God of creation call out for Adam, "Where are you?"
2. Have you ever felt God asking where you are?
3. What does it say about God's nature that He searched out Adam and Eve, knowing they had disobeyed His command?
4. How did Adam and Eve respond when they heard God walking in the garden? According to Hebrews 2:14-15 what were they slave to?
5. Adam and Eve tried to cover themselves, but fig leaves could not compensate for the loss of innocence. What do people today do to try to cover up a sense of guilt? Can anything we do truly cover up past sins?
6. Was the state of their nakedness spiritual, emotional or physical or possibly all three?
7. Who was ultimately responsible for Adam and Eve's choice to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:17)?
8. What do you think of Adam blaming Eve for his choice to eat the fruit? Is this a man problem or a human problem?
9. In what specific ways do you respond to sin in the same manner as Adam and Eve did? What would be a better way?



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FEBRUARY 22: CURSED & BANISHED

GENESIS 3:13-24

1. Why do you think God had no choice but to respond to Adam & Eve's sinning?
2. God's way in condemning sin is always to trace sin to its source.
What four points do you notice concerning God's condemnation from verses 14 - 19?
3. What promises did God make in verses 15, 21 and 24?
4. Adam called his wife Eve in verse 20, why might this have been an expression of faith in God's mercy?
5. Why do you think God might not have wanted man to live forever in his condition at the end of verse 22? Is there any way this might have been merciful?
6. What results and consequences of Adam and Eve's original sin do people encounter today? (See Romans 5:12-19).
7. God covered Adam and Eve's nakedness, what does that represent for us (see Hebrews 11:4)?
8. How has God provided us with the way to a restored relationship with Him and what does that say about God? (See John 1:29; 14:6, Romans 2:25 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)



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FEBRUARY 26: ANGER & DEATH

GENESIS 4:1-26

1. What does Eve say after she gives birth to Cain? Why do you think she mentions God here and what connection do you think her statement might have with the promise God made in 3:15?
2. Why do you think God accepted Abel's offering but did not accept Cain's? (See also John 14:6, Hebrews 10:14, 11:14 and I John 3:12).
3. In our society today, how do we offer this type of sacrifice? (See Hebrews 11:4)
4. What do you think Cain's attitude was toward the Lord, to Abel, and to life after killing Abel? What is your attitude toward the Lord and to the sanctity of life?
5. What do you think was the main reason Cain was unhappy or angry? Are these reasons still around today?
6. **Read vs. 6-14** and describe Cain's progression of anger.
7. What verse suggests God prepared a way for Cain to resist temptation? How does God prepare ways for you to resist temptation?
8. List ways I John 3:10-16 applies to Genesis 4:1-8.
9. From Genesis 4:17-24 what do you learn about Cain's offspring? How was Cain's civilization like ours today?
10. From Genesis 4, what have you learned about anger? What have you learned about approaching God?