

THE GOSPEL

LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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Sermon Passage: Genesis 3; Romans 3:23, Isaiah 61:10

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This Week's Main Takeaway

Even when we fall and hide, God moves toward us and clothes us in a righteousness we could never create for ourselves.

This Week's Memory Verse

Isaiah 61:10 (NIV), "I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness."

Five Inductive Questions

1. GOD :: What does this passage imply about God?

God's character is consistent throughout Scripture. He is the same God in the Old and New Testament, and His first movement toward sin is mercy that is ultimately fulfilled through Jesus.

As a reminder of events before this passage, God created the universe "very good" (Genesis 1:31), placing Eden at its center. He placed man in the garden and called them to rule, under God's care, over all of creation. This was God's good and perfect idea. At the beginning of this passage, we see Adam and Eve in perfect union with God. In Him, they had everything they would ever need.

In Genesis 1-2, we see the beauty of God's creation at work. Genesis 3:8-10 reminds us we can't "hide" from God. The curse of sin tells us that sin breaks the heart of the Father, and Genesis 3:14-19 teaches us that God deals with it as it doesn't go unnoticed.

2. MAN :: What does this passage imply about man?

We mistrust God, grasp for autonomy, and then try to manage our shame (v. 7b). All of us fall short of the glory we were created to reflect (Romans 3:23).

Satan tempts Eve to doubt the Word of God (v. 1) and His wisdom (v. 4). He then uses deception (v. 6), creating the illusion that anything is better than God. One commentator says, "Satan deceives our desire for success through our ambition." Therefore, as we see in this passage, when we desire more of the world than God, we find ourselves in disobedience (v. 6). What is the result? Sin, brokenness, and destruction (vs 9-13). We must remember God's way is always best.

When Adam and Eve chose to believe the lies of the cunning serpent (vs. 1-6; Revelation 12:9 confirms that the serpent was the devil), it broke our perfect relationship with the Father, but there is hope.

3. PROMISE :: Is there a *promise* to claim in this passage?

God clothes His people in righteousness and provides the covering we cannot make, and shame does not get the final word.

In Genesis 3, amid the disaster and fall of man, we see “The first promise of rescue in the Bible that fuels a messianic hope that shapes the entire storyline of Scripture.” Notice in verse nine, God went to Adam and Eve. He *pursued* them. This is the hope of the gospel—that He comes after us in our fallen and sinful state. In verse 21, we see the grace and mercy of God at work. He made them clothing that covered them more than they could produce (v. 7b).

4. COMMAND :: Is there a *command* to obey in this passage?

Genesis 3:7a tells us, “The eyes of them were both opened.” Stop hiding and come honestly before God. Receive the righteousness He provides instead of striving to construct your own. We can choose to live in disobedience, or we can choose to pursue the heart of the Father.

5. REPENT :: Reflecting on this portion of God’s Word, what can I *repent* of this week?

Repent of continuing to sew fig leaves by performing, controlling, hiding, or striving to cover yourself. Turn from self-made coverings and trust the Father to clothe you in righteousness and cover you in the blood of Jesus.

Sources:

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