

## Reflecting on The Story of Scripture: Fall January 6, 2019

### ***Series Overview***

This week we consider how the curse of sin affects all of creation and separates humans from Creator God. Although we were made in God's image and for His glory, the reality of sin reminds us, in fact, men and women are no longer "very good" (Gen 1:31). This part of the story forces us to confront both our need for salvation and our inability to save ourselves, and yet, our story is not without hope.

For our Sunday School discussions, we are using some material from a Bible study titled, *The Story of the World* published by Campus Outreach Raleigh. The full version of this material is available for public use, and you are encouraged to use it for a four-week Bible Study of your own. Please see Pastor Jeremy for more resources on this topic or with any questions.

1. Read Genesis 3:1-13. This passage records the first instance of sin in the story of Scripture. Based on these verses, how would you define sin?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The following verses provide us with four possible reasons for why Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Using the verses provided, see if you can fill in the blank for each reason:

Genesis 3:1 – They \_\_\_\_\_ that God's word was true.

Genesis 3:6 – They \_\_\_\_\_ what God had forbidden.

Genesis 3:5 – They \_\_\_\_\_ God's position and power.

Genesis 3:6 – Ultimately, they \_\_\_\_\_ their own will over God's will.

3. Sadly, the effects of the fall did not end with Adam and Eve. What do the following passages from Scripture say about our disobedience to God?

Romans 1:18-19, 25 – We \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of God, and exchange it for a lie.

Proverbs 5:22-23 – We are \_\_\_\_\_ by the attractiveness of sin.

Romans 1:22, 23; Jeremiah 2:13 – We \_\_\_\_\_ God's wisdom and foolishly follow our own (i.e., we desire to be like Him).

4. No one sin affects only one person. Describe how sin affects our relationship with ...

**God** (See Genesis 3:23-24; Isaiah 59:2)

**Other people** (See Genesis 3:8, 12)

5. Why does sin separate us from God (See Psalm 5:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Romans 12:19)?

6. Before the fall of Adam, man was sinless and able to not sin (Genesis 1:31). Since the fall, humans are unable to *not* sin. According to Romans 8:7-8 and 1 Corinthians 2:14, why are we naturally bent toward sin?

7. Author C.S. Lewis said, "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.'" How does Romans 1:18-32 seem to support Lewis' thinking?
  
8. The previous two questions seek to establish that the problem of sin is *our* problem, not merely something we inherit from our first parents (i.e., Adam and Eve). Since we are incapable of delivering ourselves from sin, what is our only hope for salvation? (See Romans 5:18-21.)
  
9. What encourages you most about salvation through Christ? How does this reality practically affect your life today?