

## **Ruin**

**Series:** Four Movement Family (Movement 2) **Date:** May 16, 2021

**Expect the wreck in the ruin.**

**Genesis 3:1-13**

**IN THE RUIN: expect a wrecked relationship with God.**

- Genesis 3:8–10
- Romans 3:10–11
- Romans 1:22–25
- Romans 1:28–31

**IN THE RUIN: expect sin.**

- Romans 5:12

**IN THE RUIN: expect wrecked relationships with others.**

- Genesis 3:7
- Genesis 3:11–12

**IN THE RUIN: expect wrecked lives.**

- Genesis 3:16–19

**Expect the wreck of the ruin but don't stare at it.**

# sermon discussion

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## RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When someone says, "I have some good news and some bad news," which do you want to hear first? Why?
2. **Read Romans 3:9-12.** Are you most surprised by your family's sin, your friend's sin, your own sin, or your church's sin? How does surprise add to the destruction that sin itself causes?
3. **Read Ezekiel 28:1-8.** Last week we talked we are made in the image of God and we reflect God's attributes and strengths. This week we learned how those good things are ruined. Share a few strengths that God has given you and your family. Then discuss how those strengths can be aimed at evil or the worship of false gods.
  - a. **LEADER NOTE:** *Some examples of false gods in the ancient world are selfishness, power (Zeus), family/sexuality (Aphrodite), success (Nike), pleasure and enjoyment (Bacchus), and money (mammon).*
4. **Read Genesis 3:6-8.** We often hide our sin from others by a variety of means (lying, performance, false optimism, keeping busy, etc.). What are some ways that you have seen yourself or others hide from the reality of our ruined and sinful world? How have you seen those efforts at hiding succeed or backfire?
5. To what extent have you bought into the idea that if you keep yourself or your children busy then they won't sin? Would you say the busiest people you know are the least sinful?
6. **Read Ecclesiastes 7:2-3.** What kind of preparation have you done for yourself or your children to face the ruin or pitfalls of this life? How can this group support or encourage you in the face of ruin?
  - a. *Three examples of ruin are the death of a loved one, having a Christian friend, family member or role model renounces their faith, and failing to live up to your potential.*

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. Ecclesiastes 7:2-3*

Watch the Bible Project video *Ecclesiastes* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUiuSK81-0>

- What does it mean to live "under the sun." How does this book portray the ruin we face in this world? Why do you think God put a book on this topic in the center of your Bible?