

Poured Out: A Study on Sacrifice

Week 1 – The First Sacrifice (Genesis 1–3)

Use these questions to guide group discussion and personal reflection as you consider how sacrifice begins in Scripture and what it reveals about God's heart for His people.

1. God's Good Design

- In Genesis 1:31, God declares His creation "very good." What stands out to you about God's original design for humanity?
- How do Genesis 2:24–25 describe relationships before sin entered the world? What does this reveal about God's intent for marriage and community?

2. The Reality of Sin

- After Adam and Eve sinned, what immediate changes do we see in their relationship with God and with each other (Genesis 3:7–10)?
- Why do you think shame, hiding, and blame are such natural responses to sin?
- In what ways do we still respond to sin today like Adam and Eve did?

3. Sin Affects Everything

- How did sin impact Adam and Eve's roles, relationships, and work (Genesis 3:16–19)?
- Why is it important to understand that sin doesn't just affect one area of life, but all of life?

4. Hope in the Middle of Judgment

- Genesis 3:15 is often called "the first gospel." What promise does God make in this verse?
- How does this verse point forward to Jesus and ultimate redemption?

5. The First Sacrifice

- Read Genesis 3:21. Why is it significant that God Himself makes garments of skin for Adam and Eve?
- What does this moment teach us about who initiates sacrifice and redemption?
- How does this first sacrifice help us better understand the sacrifices that come later in Scripture?

6. Personal Reflection

- Where do you tend to hide, blame, or cover yourself rather than bring your sin before God?
- How does knowing that God has been making provision for sinners from the very beginning encourage you today?

Closing Prayer

Take time to thank God for His mercy, for making a way to cover our shame, and for pointing us to Jesus—the ultimate sacrifice—from the very beginning.