
Discovering God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

STUDY GUIDE

How to use this Guide

This Leader's Guide is meant to be a tool, a resource to help unpack the Old Testament with your group. The guide is broken into three sessions: Open, Read and Watch, and Discuss. Open your group with prayer and community fellowship, then watch the video and read the texts, and then discuss. The guide is not just something to simply go through or "get done" each session. It doesn't contain all the answers to every part of the Old Testament. Rather, it's meant to be a springboard for conversation and discipleship within your group. We hope and pray that this series will be fruitful for you and your group as you continue to grow in Christ. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Josh at jgores@riverlawn.org.

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Open:

1. How does Jesus want me to proclaim the gospel to this week (and to whom)? Whom does Jesus want me to love, serve, and show the gospel to this week?
2. What does it mean to choose Jesus? Is this a one-time decision, an ongoing process? How does Scripture define what it means to follow Jesus?

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Read and Watch:

3. "If you misunderstand the beginning, you'll misunderstand the story." What are some things from the first three chapters of Genesis that people typically misunderstand?
4. Nasser alluded to the fact that there is a war going on between the descendants of light and the descendants of darkness. What are the characteristics of children of light? Children of darkness? Read Ephesians 5 to help shape your answer.
5. Read Genesis 3.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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Read and Watch:

5. Read Genesis 3.(continued)

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

**The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.**

**15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."**

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Read and Watch:

5. Read Genesis 3.(continued)

*To the woman he said,
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you."*

*17 And to Adam he said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*19 By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*

*20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all
living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of
skins and clothed them.*

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Read and Watch:

5. Read Genesis 3.(continued)

22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself... 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

What is "sin"? What Bible passages do you know that shed light on the definition of "sin" (what it is, who it encompasses, etc.)?

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Discuss:

6. In just a few words, how would you paraphrase this video?
7. What can we learn about God from His response to Adam and Eve's sin? What are the consequences of sin that God lays out in this passage?
8. This week, write out the gospel message in your own words. Consider such questions as "who is God?", "what has He done through Jesus?", "what is sin?", and "who am I because of Jesus?". Seek to share this message with a friend, coworker, or family member this week.