



REFLECT

1. Just for fun, which natural disaster scares you the most? Have you ever lived through any?
2. How do non-Christians explain the presence of sin and suffering within the world? Which do you find to be most prevalent or persuasive?

ENCOUNTER

Whether they like it or not, all worldviews must give an account for four questions: origin, purpose, morality, and destiny. Our study through Genesis has shown why the Bible's answer is the best answer for the origin of the world. Now we are exploring the origin of evil within the world with the goal of again seeing that only the Bible gives answers to life's hardest questions.

3. Read Genesis 3:12-19 together and make a list of consequences of sin.
4. Read the following New Testament passages. How does each expand your understanding of the curse of sin upon the world?

Romans 5:12; 18-19

Romans 8:18-22

Ephesians 2:2

5. How do curses directly relate to what we've learned about God's original design for men, women, work, and relationships?

TRANSFORM

6. How did this week's sermon about the bad news of the curse of sin make the good news—the gospel—shine brighter?

PRAYER REQUESTS

One More Disciple: Who are you praying for to trust Christ?

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found.*

~Isaac Watts ~