



Hope in God's Promises
December 3, 2023 | Genesis 3:1-15
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

***Before discussing these questions, read through Genesis 3:1-15 as a group.*

1. Icebreaker: Why is correctly diagnosing an illness essential for reaching an effective cure? (Or think of it this way: How can misdiagnosing an illness create more problems than it solves?)
2. In a word or short phrase, what is the biblical diagnosis for what's wrong in humanity based on what you read in Genesis 3:1-15?
3. What else do you learn in Genesis 3:1-15 about the nature and seriousness of sin? Make a short list of 5-7 observations from this passage of Scripture.
4. Create a short list of alternative suggestions for "what's wrong with the world" according to the culture around us. Compare / contrast these alternative suggestions with the biblical diagnosis.
5. Now focus on Genesis 3:15. To whom is this promise ultimately pointing?
6. Read the following passages. After each, share what it adds to how Jesus defeats sin and/or the works of the devil.
 - Romans 5:6-11
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Hebrews 2:14-15
7. How can the truths you've discovered shape the way you approach Christmas this year? How should these truths guide your thoughts? Actions? Emotions?
8. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible?
9. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
10. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?