



Small Group Guide: The Beginning... (Week 2)

Key Takeaways

1. The Bible is a unified narrative, with each part connecting to the whole story.
2. God created the world and determined what is good according to His will.
3. The Fall occurred when humans chose to determine good and evil for themselves, rather than trusting God's word.
4. Human depravity means we naturally see things from a self-centered perspective rather than God's perspective.

Discussion

1. How does understanding the Bible as a unified story change the way you approach reading Scripture?
2. The study emphasizes that God determined what was good in creation. How does this challenge modern ideas about morality and truth?
3. Discuss the significance of the serpent contradicting God's word.
4. Alex suggests that "knowing good and evil" meant determining good and evil for oneself. How does this interpretation impact your understanding of the Fall?
5. Review the pattern of "saw, coveted, took" (as with Eve, Achan, and David) and discuss it.
6. What does it mean to be "totally depraved," according to the study?
7. How can we cultivate a mindset of seeing things from God's perspective rather than our own self-centered view?