

Advent November 27, 2022

Genesis 3:1-15, 1 Peter 1:3-5 DISCUSSION GUIDE

TALK (get the conversation started; approximately 10 minutes)

- How was your Thanksgiving? How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- What is something that excites you about the Christmas season? What is something that bogs you down during the Christmas season?
- How did you do with your application and responses from last week?

THINK (ask a question or two to get your group thinking; approximately 10 minutes)

- What was your **one thing** from the message/Sunday? What one thing have you been thinking about (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new thing you learned)?
- In what ways have you been tempted to place your hope in places other than Jesus?

READ (open scripture and read Genesis 3:1-15 and 1 Peter 1:3-5; approximately 5 minutes)

- Read the passage aloud; everyone, follow along in your copy of Scripture. Pick one thing that stands out to you.

DISCUSS (meditate on and talk about what was just read; approximately 40 minutes; use HEAR)

- **Highlight:** What stands out to you (what you would highlight, underline, circle, make note of...)?
- **Explain:** How would you explain this passage to someone hearing it for the first time? What is the author's intended meaning in the context of the passage?
- **Apply:** What is the principle to live by today? How can this help me? What does this mean today? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? (
- **Respond:** How will I respond to the application in my relationships and/or situations this week? What are you going to do about this?
- Why do you think Adam and Eve hid in the garden?
- Why did God deliver his judgment on the serpent (and later on the man and woman)? What does this show us about God?
- What does Peter mean in verse 3 by the "new birth" that God provides in his mercy? What are God's plans for a Christian's future (look at verses 4-5)?
- What would you say a hopeful person looks like?

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- Other questions:
 - ✓ What does this passage say God has done?
 - ✓ What does this passage tell us about God? ...about humanity? ...about me?
 - ✓ What does this passage teach us about the Gospel, the message of God providing a rescue plan for sinners through Jesus Christ?
- **Complete this statement: "Based on what we've read and discussed, this week, I will..."**

PRAY (wrap up sharing and taking unhurried time to pray)

- If applicable, are there any updates to previous prayer requests or praises?
- How can we pray for one another? Do your best to limit the sharing to the needs within the group.
- How can we praise with one another?

CONNECTION (use these questions to help with accountability)

- Have you spent time in the Word and prayer this week? If not, what got in the way? If so, share something you learned or something that challenged you?
- Have you share the gospel or your testimony with anyone this week?
- Have you spent quality time with your family this week?
- Men, have you loved your wife well this past week?
- Ladies, have you respected your husband well this week?
- How have you loved the unlovable this week?