

IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 3:16–24

*“Because you...ate from the tree about which I commanded you,
‘You must not eat of it’...”* Genesis 3:17

1. After a quick review of Genesis 3:1–15, read Genesis 3:16–20. What are the consequences of sin...
 - a. ...for the woman?

 - b. ...for the man?

2. God’s original design was that Adam and Eve’s “work” would be characterized by harmony and cooperation (recall Genesis 1:27–30; 2:18, 24–25). How does the curse on the woman and the man affect this design? (verses 16–19)

3. How do you see the ongoing consequences of Adam and Eve’s fall into sin being played out in your home and close relationships?

4. Taken alone, the truth that man was taken from dust and will return to dust (verse 19) could easily lead to a sense of futility. But what else does Scripture tell us that gives hope and purpose in this life? (Isaiah 43:1; 2 Corinthians 4:7, 16–18, Ephesians 2:4–10) If you have a favorite verse that brings you hope write that down also.

5. Why does Adam name his wife “Eve”? (verse 20) Since Adam and Eve have not yet had children, what does this name reveal about Adam’s heart?

6. God’s provision of animal skin clothes shows that Adam and Eve were not able to make adequate coverings for themselves. (Genesis 3:7)
 - a. What does God have to do to provide “covering” for Adam and Eve?

 - b. How does God later make it possible for the Israelites’ sins to be covered? (Exodus 29:36a; Hebrews 9:22)

- c. Are there times when you try to make your own “covering” for your sin? What does that look like?
- d. What does God ultimately do to provide covering for our sin? (Hebrews 9:11–14)
7. Since the blood of Jesus covers our sin, what should our response be when we see sin in our lives? (1 John 1:8–9)
8. Now that Adam and Eve have gained the ability to know good and evil (Genesis. 2:17; 3:4–7), why is it necessary that they be expelled from the garden?
9. After considering the curse and its consequences, reread this week’s passage and write down all the ways that God shows kindness to Adam and Eve.
10. God is characterized by love and kindness (e.g., Psalm 57:10; 145:17; 1 John 4:16). How has God demonstrated this to you recently? What is the ultimate demonstration of God’s love and kindness toward you? (1 John 4:9–10; Titus 3:4–7)