

Home Group Questions

the week of 9/16/2018

Genesis 3:1-15

ADAM & EVE – GREAT CONVICTIONS

GETTING STARTED

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel spoke about Adam and Eve and their disobedience when it came to following God's clear instructions. However, in their struggle we find three important convictions that we as followers of Christ need to have in order to live godly lives.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Turn in your Bibles to Genesis 3:1-15. Pastor Mel shared that one vital conviction is to determine that God alone will control your life. The account in Genesis 3 is a true story of real people in real rebellion against God. What are the implications of this account today and how it illustrates the strategy of Satan in our lives?

Read Romans 5:12 as it highlights Adam as, what theologians refer to as, our "federal head". One writer put it this way: "In the case of Adam, he was the federal head of mankind in that he represented mankind in the fall. We were "in him", in his seed. When he fell, we fell "in him." Likewise, Jesus is our federal head in salvation. He represented His people on the cross. [1 Cor. 15:22](#) says, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."... Christians have no problem with Jesus representing us on the cross. But they often reject the idea of Adam representing us in the garden. But to reject one is to reject the other. Is it fair for Jesus, who committed no sin, to become sin for us and represent us on the cross? Think about it. That is exactly what happened; yet those who deny that Adam represented us in the Garden readily accept that Jesus represented us on the cross. They are inconsistent."

Although we will always struggle with sin in our lives, we must affirm that every act of disobedience can be avoided if we reject the lies/deception of Satan and this world and hold fast to God's

Word. Pastor Mel shared three ways in which Satan attacks the Word of God:

1) God's Word is misrepresented (v. 2-3), 2) God's commands are "unreasonable" (v. 2), and 3) God's promises are false (v. 4-5). Give some examples of how these attacks have been present in your life in the past and what advice would have been helpful to you in the midst of that struggle.

2. The next great conviction of our lives pertains to making the focus of our lives godly pursuits. Read Genesis 3:6-7.

Eve focuses on the one tree she should not have instead of enjoying the rest of the garden that God had made for her. What are the things in our lives that take our focus off of the Lord?

Read the sobering words of Christ in Luke 9:56-62. Jesus speaks toward our focus as believers as we are part of building His kingdom and following Him.

What are the distractions that can pull us away from following Christ...or "looking back" that we face in our lives daily? How can we maintain a godly focus in our daily agendas every day in our families, neighborhoods, & workplaces?

3. The next great conviction we need to appropriate is to take responsibility for the sin and failures in our lives. Read Genesis 3:8-15. Adam and Eve both shift the blame on others. Our tendency is to reject responsibility for our disobedience, which can result in outright rebellion towards God or an unwise practice of "blame shifting" and "rationalizing".

Read Hebrews 12:1-2. One of the weights that can slow us down in our walk with Christ can be our lack of taking responsibility and corrective actions regarding our sin. How can keeping our eyes on Jesus and his example keep us from rationalizing and blame shifting?

Moving Forward

Pray for one another that each of you would be willing to take your walk with Christ to a deeper level of obedience and trust.