

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GRUESOME SIN AND GOD GENESIS 3

The tempter is always attacking God's Word and character.

1. REVIEW

All of these questions are based on engagement with Genesis 3. Get your groups' eyes there. Read it silently, aloud, or as you go. Do whatever works for your group - just get them there.

Why do you think God allowed Adam and Eve to choose to sin? Why didn't he just stop them?

What are the consequences of sin? Where do you see grace in Genesis 3? *(Any why was that gracious?)*

How would you share the gospel while staying in Genesis 3?

2. ASSESS

What sin have you rationalized, gotten comfortable with, and decided NOT to hate?

Where might you be hiding, blaming, or trying to work yourself out of sin?

3. APPLY

How does God's grace from Genesis 3 apply to your answers above? How ought you respond now?

Make a commitment to each other to confess your sin each week in full transparency and without excuse.

MY GROUP'S APPLICATIONS

SERMON NOTES

5 WORDS TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT SIN:

1. Temptation
2. Action
3. Reaction
4. Consequences
5. Grace

FOR FURTHER STUDY...

Read Gen. 3:8. The Hebrew words for "heard the sound" are "shema" (to hear/listen) "qol" (voice/sound). Most translators write that Adam and Eve heard the "sound" of the Lord God, but this phrase would be better translated, "And they heard the "voice" of the Lord God who was walking in the garden". Typically, when these Hebrew words are used together throughout Scripture, they refer to one hearing a voice. In verse 9, God is indeed calling out to Adam and Eve. At the sound of God's voice, Adam and Eve experience fear because they had not listened to the voice of the Lord previously. God had told them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They did not listen to God. However, Eve did listen to the voice of the serpent, and in Gen. 3:17 God says to Adam, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife" . . . there are consequences. Go read 3:14 - 3:19 to read what those consequences are. Both Adam and Eve chose to listen to voices other than the voice of God, and therefore they experienced fear at God's voice (rightly so).

Now read Deuteronomy 18:15-22. Here in verse 16 we find the Israelites are terrified of "shema qol" (hearing the voice of the Lord). However, there is great news! God promises to raise up a new prophet like Moses who will be an intermediary between God and man by speaking what God commands. These words are the words of life - God's grace to His sinful people! All the prophets at their core are saying, "Listen to the Lord your God!". Deut. 28:1 "And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth." Please read the rest of these blessings in chapter 28 through verse 14; they're beautiful! If the Israelites will only listen and obey, they will receive such great blessings!

Though Israel is repeatedly sinful and does not listen, the final prophet promised from Deuteronomy 18 is Jesus who reveals himself as God. The people once again hear the voice of the Lord and from his voice chains are broken, the sick are made well, demons are cast out, miracles occur, and God's people are shown the way, the truth, and the life (Jn. 14:6). To those who listen to the words of Jesus and believe, they will be saved. Rom. 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Here lies redemption. Rather than responding in fear to the voice of the Lord, those who believe may hear God's voice and respond in exuberant, unhindered joy! Though the consequence of not listening to the voice of God should have resulted in immediate death, we have the ability to listen once again to the voice of God by believing Jesus' words. Those who do are promised eternity in paradise. The fact of the matter is that Jesus will return and when he does his voice will be like the roar of many waters . . . from his mouth will come a sharp two-edged sword which will divide those who listened to him, and those who didn't (Rev. 1:15-16). And those who listened faithfully will one day hear from his mouth, "Well done my good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23). For these reasons, church, listen to the Lord your God! He speaks to you from His word, and from his mouth he offers eternal life. Do not fall prey to the voice of your flesh which rebels against God. Rather, listen to the voice of your savior who beckons you to Himself.

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

Hosea 4

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How should I respond?

DAY 2

Romans 3

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How should I respond?

DAY 3

Romans 5

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How should I respond?

DAY 4

Matthew 4

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How should I respond?

DAY 5

1 John 1

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How should I respond?