

Dig Deeper into Genesis 3:1-13 for lifegroups/personal study ...



Gen 3:1-13 Introducing Sin...

V1-5 The temptation...

1. ...questioning God's word (v1)
2. ...denying God's judgement (v4)
3. ...questioning God's motives (v5)

v6 The sin... taking God's place (v5)

v7-13 The consequences... (initially)

1. ...shame (v7)
2. ...blame (v12-13)

BUT.....!

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For today's dig deeper we are going to look at Genesis 3 as a whole (taking in last Sunday and next Sunday's passages)... Get digging....

1. Why do you think it is useful to analyse the snake's tactics in this chapter? Do you have examples of when you have seen others (or, if you can be honest, yourself) taken in by any of these?
2. "I'm not a bad person, I try and help my neighbour and give to charity". In conversations with friends we often come up against resistance to the idea of sin. How would you use this chapter to help someone to understand the concept more deeply?
3. What are the consequences of sin in this chapter (including God's sentence on the snake, the woman, the man)? How do these make sense of any difficulties you are facing in your life right now? What can we do with the sadness and frustration that we feel in a fallen world?
4. Where do you see signs of hope in this chapter? Thank God that he hasn't left us in our sin, but that the rest of the Bible's story of rescue in Jesus begins.

Are there any other questions that you would like to consider from this chapter?

Resources...

- **Soapboxie**- US politics and opinion website answers "[What are 5 main things wrong with the world today?](#)". Why not have a look and see where the answers have merit, but also where they don't go deep enough. Do you agree with their analysis of what could help?
- **"The First Chapters of Everything"**- Short book by on Gen 1-4 by our good friend Alasdair Paine, from 10ofthose for £6.79 [here](#). It is excellent and really well applied to life today. An excellent guide to this part of the Bible.