

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – The Day That Changed the World

Focus

We should trust God's goodness and generosity as we await the fullness of the new creation because His promise to crush the head of the serpent and open the way to paradise has been fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Read

[Genesis 2:4-3:24](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. How are you doing right now in trusting that God is good and generous?

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2. Is there anything in Genesis 2 that has helped to remind you or build your confidence in God's goodness and generosity? What is it?
3. What are some of the lies that tempt you to believe that God isn't good and generous?
4. Does Genesis 3:1-6 help you to understand how some of these lies might be packaged and how therefore satanic deceit works? How so?
5. How might we encourage each other with the Word of God to resist those lies?
6. Spend some time unpacking Genesis 3:15. What is your understanding of what's being promised here and how is it ultimately fulfilled in Jesus?
7. Given today's study, how would you answer the questions that Sunday's sermon opened with about Jesus' statement to the dying thief, 'Today, you will be with me in paradise.'? Why does Jesus use that language? Why is it significant? How can He make that promise? And what assurance and hope does it give you?
8. It's hard to overstate just how important Genesis 1-3 is for the rest of the Bible. Consider taking some time to take note of the various details in these chapters because many of the themes and images will recur throughout the Bible. For example, what are some of the themes and images we might want to look out for as we work our way through the rest of Genesis?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?

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2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?

3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?

4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?