

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IN THE BEGINNING: WEEK 3

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Think of a time when you embarrassed yourself in front of someone else. What happened? What did you mess up? How did you react/recover from your mistake? How does that kind of shame and embarrassment make you feel? Why do those feelings tend to stick with us?

Read Genesis 3:1-19. What one command did God give the man and the woman? Why do you think God gave them this choice? What led them to make a bad decision? What happened as a result of their first sin? In what ways is sin – including our own sin – a failure to trust in what God has told us?

When you read or watch the news, what emotions come over you? Are you anxious? Angry? Scared? How does the Bible (particularly Genesis 3) give us a lens for understanding all the evil we see in the world? The evil we see in our own hearts? How do we see the consequences of sin in our own lives and in the world around us?

The serpent (Satan) used a few different techniques to tempt Adam and Eve. He questioned God's authority, distorted His authority, and denied the consequences. How does He still employ this strategy today? In what ways do we see Him leading people down these same paths? How can we recognize his lies for what they are?

Kyle talked about three consequences of sin (Shame replaces Innocence, Hiding replaces intimacy, and Blame replaces Honesty). How are these consequences apparent in our own day? How have you seen them in your own life? If we know these are the costs of sin, then why do we still choose it?

Reread Genesis 3:14-15. How are these words the first promise of coming Deliverer? How do they point us towards the work that Jesus will ultimately do? As we draw nearer to Easter, how can we celebrate what God has done for us through Christ? Close in prayer by asking God to build our gratitude as we approach Easter in a few days.