

Discipleship Pathway 1

Session 2: Fall of Mankind (What happened?)

Man was created good and upright: for God said, “Let us make man in our image after our likeness.” However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. ¹

Read: Genesis 1:26-27

On the sixth day of creation, God created mankind. He created them both male and female in His _____ and _____. They were created to reflect God’s character, attributes, personality, creativity and sinless nature. So what happened?

I. The Fall of Mankind

Read: Genesis 2:15-17

What specific instruction did God give Adam and Eve?

What would be the consequence if they were to disobey?

Adam and Eve were given the liberty to eat from every other tree in the garden. They were only instructed to avoid eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In the garden, however, there was a _____, whom we know as Satan, that tempted Adam and Eve to eat from the tree.

Read: Genesis 3:1-5

The serpent challenged what both Adam and Eve _____ about God and had _____ from God. What happened next would change the dynamic between God and mankind.

Read: Genesis 3:6-7

Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and, in so doing, opened up all of humanity to the consequences and penalty of _____.

¹ Taken from the Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths: www.AG.org

II. The Consequences of Sin

Take a few moments to discuss: What is sin?

Child Evangelism Fellowship helps kids to understand what sin is by using this definition: Sin is anything we _____, _____ or _____ that breaks God's law. This definition is derived from 1 John 3:4. **Take a moment to read the passage.**

Sin includes transgressing God's law, failing to do what's right, and rebelling against God.

Read: Isaiah 59:2

According to this passage, what are the consequences of sin?

The consequence of sin is spiritual separation from God or spiritual death. We talked last week about two eternal destinations: eternal _____ and eternal _____ from God. Adam's sin introduced spiritual death to mankind.

Read: Romans 5:12

Adam's disobedience allowed sin to enter the world causing death to spread to everyone.

What do you believe that passage to mean? Are we born sinful or do we become sinful?

Read: Romans 3:23

Do you see yourself as sinful?

Read: Romans 6:23

What does this passage tell us about the cost of sin?

Are you deserving of spiritual death?

Sin created a void between God and man: a gap that we can not close on our own. Although we have all sinned and deserve death, we also know that God is not willing that any should perish, but all would come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Man's only hope of _____ is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

This week's reading plan: Read: Genesis Ch. 11-20, Proverbs Ch. 2