

The Fallout of the Fall

Genesis 3:7-10
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF AUGUST 23-29, 2026

- (1) Read Genesis 3:1-10
 - (a) How do verses 7-10 relate to verses 1-6?
 - (b) What does it mean that "the eyes of both of them were opened"? Opened to what?
 - (c) How did what the serpent said in verse 5 turn out to be both true and false?
- (2) Throughout verses 7-10, what effects of sin do you see? How do those same effects play out in our sin today?
- (3) A Theophany is an appearance or manifestation of God. When you consider "the LORD God walking in the garden," do you see an appearance of God in some kind of physical form that Adam and Eve could have seen (a pre-incarnate appearance of the Son of God)? Why or why not?
- (4) Read Romans 5:12-21.
 - (a) How does Paul get from the Garden of Eden to the garden tomb where Christ was buried and raised?
 - (b) Why is Adam's being "a type of Him who was to come" (v 14) is vital to understanding Christ's work?
 - (c) Talk together about what it means that Adam is the covenant head of humanity for condemnation (under the Adamic Covenant), and Christ is the covenant Head of humanity for salvation (under the New Covenant).
 - (d) Some people might be tempted to think this is all a bunch of theological wrangling. How would you help such a person see that this is actually a matter of life and death, and changes everything about our daily lives? (In other words, why "theology matters.")
- (5) When you sin, do you ever find yourself tempted to hide from God and sit in shame and guilt when you ought to be running to the Second Adam for reconciliation and forgiveness?
 - (a) How can being ashamed of our sin (which is good) be subtly turned into a trap (which is bad) that keeps us from experiencing the joy of the Gospel?
 - (b) What are some tried-and-true strategies for walking that fine line of true repentance that is radically Gospel-saturated rather than inward-focused?