

Domestic Disturbance

Genesis 3:16

Small Group Questions

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2026

- (1) Look through Genesis 3 and think out loud together – how is this chapter foundational to everything in the Bible? (You could literally spend the entire group discussion on this, but come up with a handful of really significant ways Genesis 3 frames the story of the Bible.)
- (2) What is the woman's created role in Genesis 1:28 and 2:18?
 - (a) How does she betray this calling in Genesis 3:1-6?
 - (b) How does the judgment of Genesis 3:16 appropriately correspond to her calling and her sin?
- (3) Even in the judgments of Genesis 3:15-16, how does God mercifully give hope of salvation?
 - (a) How does Paul pick this up and apply it in the context of corporate worship and the dignity of women in their ordained role in 1 Timothy 2:8-15?
 - (b) Whatever "she shall be saved in childbearing" means (1 Timothy 2:15), what can we say for sure it *doesn't* mean?
 - (c) How might 1 Timothy 2:15 connect with Genesis 3:15?
- (4) What is the Gospel-centered significance and impact of a godly wife and mother as Paul teases it out in Titus 2:3-5 and 1 Timothy 5:11-15? What does this guard against?
- (5) With the judgment in Genesis 3:16, what remains the same as it was before sin, and what changes? Why is this significant?
- (6) How is Ephesians 5:22-33 the answer to victory over the dangers of distorted desire for control (on the part of a wife) and domination (on the part of a husband)?
 - (a) Why is this whole discussion fraught with difficulties at this particular point in Church History (and specifically in the West)?
 - (b) Where can we get into trouble with it even in a conservative Reformed church?
 - (c) What specific ways can husbands and wives intentionally guard against distorted desire and domination? (Key word... *specific*!)