

Life and Death and Life

Genesis 3:17-21

Small Group Questions

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3, 2026

- (1) Read Genesis 3:17-21. How do verses relate to the verses that have just come before?
- (2) What is appropriate about the judgment pronounced to Adam given the nature of the sin identified in v 17?
- (3) As you look at the judgment pronounced to Adam, what changes from the way God originally designed things to work? What doesn't change?
- (4) How does Paul pick up on the events of Genesis 3 in Romans 8:18-23?
 - (a) How does the curse on creation connect with not only our sin in Adam, but our salvation?
 - (b) How should this impact the way we interpret and respond to the trials of life in a broken world?
 - (c) How is God's grace seen even in the curse in Genesis 3:17-19?
- (5) In what ways do we see clear glimpses of hope in verses 20-21?
 - (a) How does verse 20 relate to verse 15? How does it point us to Christ?
 - (b) In what way is Adam's action in verse 20 an act of faith in the promise of Jesus? (And if you don't think it is, how come?)
 - (c) How is verse 21 a visible portrayal of the Gospel that shows the gravity of sin and the hope of God's salvation? (And if you don't think it is, how come?) Try to weave in themes of clothing, animal coverings (think Tabernacle), and sacrifice that might help inform our reading of Genesis 3:21.
- (6) What use can we make of the historical facts of this passage as we share Christ with others?
- (7) What would you say the main point of Genesis 3:17-21 is, and how should that shape how we live?