

# MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



## **ORIGINAL SIN AND ULTIMATE FORGIVENESS**

Genesis 3:1-19

### **A. WHAT CAUSED ORIGINAL SIN (Genesis 3:1-6)**

1. Who is the serpent of Genesis 3? See Revelation 12:9; 20:2.
2. How did satan cause Eve to doubt God's goodness?
3. Why do we often focus on what God has forbidden rather than what He has given?
4. Share with one another some of God's gifts and blessings in your lives.

### **B. A DEEPER LOOK AT SIN (Genesis 6:1-19)**

1. Put these events in chronological order:
  - a. Adam ate the forbidden fruit
  - b. God pronounced punishments
  - c. Eve took the forbidden fruit
  - d. God came looking for Adam and Eve
  - e. Adam blamed Eve
  - f. Eve gave the forbidden fruit to Adam
  - g. Eve looked at the forbidden fruit
  - h. Adam and Eve felt guilt and shame
  - i. Eve ate the forbidden fruit
  - j. Eve blamed satan
  - k. Adam ate the forbidden fruit
  - l. God questioned Adam and Eve
  - m. Satan tempted Eve
  - n. Eve gave the forbidden fruit to Adam
  - o. Adam & Eve hid from God
2. We all face temptation, including Jesus Himself (Matthew 4:1-11). What was Eve's initial mistake? Many times LOOKING is the first step toward sin.
3. How did (do) the effects of sin spread? Have you ever involved others in your sin? (rhetorical question)
4. Adam and Eve felt guilt and shame for their sin. Is guilt ever a good thing? How? What is the proper course of action for relieving personal or corporate guilt?

5. How did Adam and Eve play the blame game? Have you ever blamed someone else for your sin? Why is it important to own up to your sin?
6. How does sin alter or affect your personal relationship with God?
7. Why does God punish sin? Is it necessary? What were the punishments for satan, Adam, and Eve?
8. What is the result of confession and repentance? (1 John 1:9)
9. Does forgiveness of sin absolve you from the consequences of your sin? Cite examples.

### C. **FORGIVENESS**

1. Even Jesus was tempted by satan as you read in Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus resisted temptation by quoting and living by scripture. How can we do the same? Read Matthew 18:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 6:1-2; James 1:12-18.
2. Who is God's ULTIMATE provision for sin? Read John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 9:15.
3. How can we access this indescribable, unspeakable gift in Jesus? Read Romans 6:23; 10:9-13; Ephesians 2:8-10.
4. Who do you know that needs Jesus and the gift of forgiveness in their life? How will you share that gift with them? Read Acts 1:8; Mark 13:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

**PRAY:** Ask God to forgive you of unrepentant sin. Pray for courage to share Jesus with those in your lives who need him. Speak their names and agree together to pray for them and tell them about Jesus.