

Cowboy Church Bow - Women's Bible Study

Week 3- Genesis 3:1-13

Read all of Genesis 3 and study the Literary Outline handouts. Then focusing on verses 1-13 answer the following questions.

Observation:

1. Notice the action or inactions of both Adam and Eve, what do you observe about the things they said?

2. What are the differences between what God said in Genesis 2:16-17, what Eve said God said, and what the serpent said in chapter 3?

3. What do you notice about God's actions/speech?

Interpretation:

4. What does this chapter say about the condition of Adam and Eve?

5. What does this say about God's character?

6. Look up the original word "serpent" in a bible concordance and do a word search (blueletterbible.org), what did you learn?

Application:

Consider the following:

A willingness to disobey God follows a sequence:

Focus on what's denied

Feeling of deprivation

Fear of loss

False perception (of what's good and what's evil)

Choice to sin

Ask the Lord to make you aware of your participation in this sequence. Your awareness may begin with noticing that you are already involved in something that you know is wrong. As you become aware of when you are focusing on what's denied, and choose instead to focus on God's provision, it will help you "navigate" away from sin. Make some notes about how this sequence works in your life. Remember that denial does not equal deprivation. Especially remember that our God loves to give us good gifts.

7. How do you think you could become more centered on what you have and what you can do as opposed to what you don't have and what you can't do?

8. How do you react to these words of the Apostle Paul: *"But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ"* (2 Cor 11:3)?

9. If you see in yourself tendencies to hide from God and others, to defend yourself, and to deflect blame, describe these experiences. Ask God to reveal what is causing this reaction and to change this in you.

10. How do you experience Psalm 32:3-5?

*For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*