



Women's Bible Study

Read Genesis 3 again, then focusing on verses 14-24 answer the following questions:

Observation:

1. What do you notice about the differences between how God deals with Adam's sin and how God deals with Eve's sin, and then how does He deal with them as a couple?
2. Highlight all the repeated words and phrases, what words/phrases stand out to you? Draw some conclusions about the point God is trying to impress upon us.
3. What verses/words/phrases are a puzzle to you? (*look up the cross references in your bible to help you understand what is being said*)
4. What do you notice about God character?

Week 4

Application:

9. When you think of the consequences of sin, what comes to mind? Do you see those things in Genesis 3?

10. Do you feel boundaries are good or bad, why?

11. Are there boundaries that you have crossed and need to apologize for and/or repent of?

12. Are there boundaries that you have been afraid to set because you think it would be unloving, or that you somehow have to be a better Christian and turn the other cheek?

Consider this:

“But we can’t enable bad behavior in ourselves and others and call it love. We can’t tolerate destructive patterns and call it love. And we can’t pride ourselves on being loyal and longsuffering in our relationships when it’s really perpetuating violations of what God says love is.”

God takes boundary violations very seriously, and so should we. When we allow a boundary to be violated, bad behavior will be validated.

When Adam and Eve violated the boundary that God set for them, there were consequences. One of those consequences was God reducing their access to Him by removing them from the garden. They weren’t responsible with the one rule God gave them. That made more rules necessary. In Genesis we see that Adam and Eve were given one boundary. By the time we read through the Law and the Prophets we find hundreds of boundaries that God put in place for us His people (Exodus 32:9, Deuteronomy 9:6; 2 Kings 17:14; 2 Chronicles 30:8, Nehemiah 9:16)

(Good Boundaries and Goodbyes by Lysa Terkeurst)