

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Genesis 3; Hebrews 2:14-18

Introduction: In Genesis 3 we read how mankind was deceived by God's enemy and how their sin separated us from God and filled our world with misery. Yet God promised to send a son of the woman to crush His enemy and bring victory over sin and death. Hebrews tells us this wonderful promise was fulfilled through Christ's birth and death. Ultimately these passages encourage us to consider how the reality of Christ's coming reorients our hearts with the good news of God's victory.



Consider Genesis 3:1-7. How did Satan deceive mankind? How did these lies lead to sin?

Compare: Matthew 4:1-11

Consider Genesis 3:7-24. What are the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin?

Consider: Romans 5:12 Resource: <u>Original Sin</u>

Compare Hebrews 2:14-18 and Genesis 3:15. How is Christ's coming a fulfillment of God's

promises in Genesis 3:15? Consider: Matthew 1:18-23

Note: Consider what is unique about Christ's birth and unique about Christ's death.

Resource: What Does the Bible Say about the Incarnation?



In Genesis, Satan deceived mankind by questioning the goodness of God's character and the clarify of God's Word. When are we tempted to question God's goodness or doubt God's Word? How does this lead to sin in our lives?

The author of Hebrews tells us that Christ became man to save us from our sin and help us in our weakness. *Consider where you are most tempted to sin.* How is Christ's victory a help to you when you are tempted to sin?



How does our world try to explain what's wrong with the world? How does Genesis 3 explain what's wrong with the world?

How are the consequences of sin felt by those in our lives who don't know Christ? How can we share the good news of Christ's victory with them this Advent season?