

Bible Study Questions

Why Do We Suffer? – Genesis 3:14-19

Focus

In response to the sin of the man and woman and the serpent, God pronounces judgment upon each of them but in doing so also provides a promise of salvation.

Read

[Genesis 3:14-19](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Closing Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

3. What is the judgment God decrees to the woman? In what way does this judgment continue still today?

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4. What is the judgment God decrees to the man? In what way does this judgment continue still today?

5. Does this chapter help you to better understand why the world is the way it is and what it is you experience in life? If so, how so?

6. Why is Genesis 3:15 such an important verse?

7. In what way does Genesis 3:15 help us to understand what the Bible is all about and therefore how it is that we should read our Bibles?

8. Sunday's sermon mentioned many references in which we see Genesis 3:15 being worked out in the Bible and in history. Which of those references grabbed your attention the most, and why?

9. In what way does this chapter clarify for us what the gospel is really all about?

10. Read Acts 26:16-18. How do these verses define for us what the work of evangelism is all about?

11. In light of that, how faithful is your evangelistic work; does it conform to the truth of Acts 26? What are the implications for your evangelistic work?

12. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like?

13. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life?

14. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?