

Family Discipleship Resource

October 6-12

(Genesis 3:22-24)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

I know that I am a sinner and in need of your forgiveness. Thank you for Jesus Christ who has made a way for me to have a relationship with you

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Genesis 3:22-24)

“²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.”

O – Observe what God has said

Why is Adam and Eve expelled from the Garden?

What does God use to separate Adam and Eve from Him? How does our sin separate us from God today?

W – Work on Application

Because of sin in our lives and in this world we cannot know relationship with God, not the lasting life that he desires for us. We, like Adam, have been expelled from the presence of the Lord and from the tree of life. What can bridge such a separation? The answer is in a tree of a wholly different kind. In fact, one is able to frame the entire narrative of Scripture with the trees that it reveals. Here at the beginning you have a trees of life and the knowledge of good and evil. Because mankind took from the forbidden tree of knowledge of good and evil in the beginning, he was kept from the tree of life. If we look at the end of the story in Revelation 22:2, we are told that in the new creation that there is restored “the tree of life” and there being “no more curse” (the tree of knowledge of good and evil is conspicuously absent in the end). The whole Bible can be told as a story between two trees. However, how does one move from the sin and death the tree of knowledge of good and evil brought about to the tree of life that is promised in a new creation in the end? The answer is by embracing what Jesus Christ made possible by dying on calvary’s tree—the cross that he was crucified upon for our sin. Because Jesus took on our sin and death upon himself, through faith in him we can know forgiveness, we can be made right with God, and we can be granted restored relationship with our creator forever. Praise be to God!

What has Jesus done to provide us with salvation?

How can we share this message with those around us?

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Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“But God demonstrated His own love to us in this, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”-Romans 5:8*