

Small Groups Study Guide:

The Genesis of Sin

Genesis 3:1-13 (NASB)

1. Martin Luther, the German Theologian on the book of Genesis...

- *"There is nothing more beautiful than the Book of Genesis, nothing more useful," It is "certainly the foundation of the whole of Scripture."*

2. Why is the book of Genesis called Genesis?

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Hint: The word Genesis comes to us from the Greek word, which means the origin, source, or beginning of something.

3. What lies did Adam and Eve believe about God?

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4. Do you believe any of those lies today?

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5. What do the following verses tell you about nature, the Devil (aka Satan)?

Revelations 12:9 *"And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 *"No wonder, for even Satan (the Devil) disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds."*

John 8:44 *"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

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6. In Genesis chapter 3, we see the progression of Sin, as seen below. What have you seen this progression of Sin in your heart?

- **Disregarding** God's word— Eve misrepresents and misunderstands God's word.
- **Doubting God's character**— Eve entertains the Devil's misrepresentation of God's character.
- **Despising God's presence** – Adam & Eve hid from God, **rather than running to Him** in repentance.

7. John 10:10 reminds us that the Devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy. In what ways have you experienced this sad reality?

- **He comes to Steal**— He robbed Adam and Eve of their...
 - Innocence— he wants to corrupt the mind, body, and soul.
 - Intimacy— with God and each other
 - Ignorance— of the pain and suffering **that comes from separation** from God.
 - Identity— as children of God **created for God's purpose.**
- **He comes to Kill**— he brings death wherever he plants his seeds.
 - Adam and Eve died Physically and Spiritually.
- **He comes to Destroy**— he wants to destroy **God's people and purpose.**

8. **Read the quote from Charles Spurgeon** (a renowned 19th-century Pastor and Preacher) and write down biblical truths that will help you resist the Devil's trials and temptations.

- **“The only way to repel Satan's subtlety is by acquiring true wisdom.** Again, I repeat it: man has none of that in himself. What then? Herein is true wisdom. If we would successfully wrestle with Satan, we must make the Holy Scriptures our daily resort. Out of this sacred book, we must continually draw our armor and our ammunition. We must lay hold on the glorious doctrines [correct teaching] of God's Word—make them our daily meat and drink. So will we be strong to resist the devil and joyful in discovering that he will flee.”