

5. God's Righteous Response (Genesis 3:14-24)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the **Group Guidelines**?

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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14Then the lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. **15**And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” **16**Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.” **17**And to the man he said, “Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. **18**It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. **19**By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.” Paradise Lost: God’s Judgment **20**Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. **21**And the lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. **22**Then the lord God said, “Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!” **23**So the lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. **24**After sending them out, the lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming

sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?