

Learning to Grow Together

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Marriage takes work. We have a tendency to focus on what our spouse needs to change. Why are we blind to our own need to change?
3. Pastor spent time looking at how Adam's and Eve's choices have negatively impacted marriage today. What stood out to you from the exposition of Genesis 3?
4. We like to think that we are different today, even better. Read Genesis 3:10-13. Do you think we have changed? Explain.
5. Pastor mentioned that Genesis 3:15 is the first presentation of the Gospel in the Bible. What are some ways that the Gospel lived out would make a difference in your marriage?
6. Genesis 3:16 is a summary of why there is conflict in marriages today. How do you see the negative revealed here playing out in marriages today? Our Culture?
7. The sin nature blinds us to our own behavior. Pastor mentioned two components of the sin nature: self-legislation and self-gratification. How could the abuse of these two components contribute to the destruction of a marriage?
8. It is easy to point out the needed changes in the life of our spouse. What are some reasons the we need to focus on changing our own lives first? How could this help our spouse change?
9. It is ok to seek to help your spouse grow/change. What area from the five listed by pastor do you need to work on?

Digging Deeper

10. Make a point to speak your spouse's love language this week.

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Happily Ever After

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"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?""

Genesis 3:1 ESV

"Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

Genesis 3:7-8 ESV

"For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Romans 1:21 ESV

"And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?""

Genesis 3:10-11 ESV

"The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate.""

Genesis 3:12-13 ESV

Three Consequences of the Fall

1. The _____ is Revealed

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.””
Genesis 3:15 ESV

2. _____ Between Husband and Wife

“To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”” Genesis 3:16 ESV

Two Components of Our Sin Nature

- Self-_____

- Self-_____

“If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.””
Genesis 4:7 ESV

3. Living in a _____ World

“And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.””
Genesis 3:17–19 ESV

Three Keys to Growing Together:

1. Change Begins with _____

“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”
Matthew 7:3–5 ESV

Homework: Make A List of How I Can Treat My Spouse Better

2. Bring _____ into My Marriage

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”
1 Peter 4:8 ESV

Five Love Languages

1. Words of _____

2. Acts of _____

3. _____ Time

4. Physical _____ and Closeness

5. _____ Giving

Homework: Do Something Loving this Week for My Spouse

3. Help My Spouse _____

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”
Proverbs 27:6 ESV

1. _____ About It.

2. After a _____

3. In _____

4. The Right _____

5. Only _____ per week.