

# PROMISES KEPT BIBLE OVERVIEW, WEEK TWO (GENESIS 3)

## OPENING QUESTION

What is the most naturally beautiful place you've ever been? What is the moment of your life when you've felt most loved? When was the last time you just couldn't stop laughing?

## VIDEO TALK

### APPLY TIME...

1. What does Genesis 3 show us sin is?
2. How did the devil tempt the woman to sin? How do we experience the same tactics when the devil tempts us?
3. From this session and the previous one, how would you explain to a friend...
  - what our world is like and why?
  - what humans are like, and why?

## SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

Like our ancestors, we're all tempted to follow the devil and disobey God. If we don't realise we're being tempted, we're already giving in.

How are *you* regularly tempted to disobey the God who made you, in your attitudes or in your actions? Does the devil suggest you should doubt God's words (v 1); that he doesn't mean what he says (v 5); or that he doesn't know what's good for you (v 5)?

What will you think and pray next time you're tempted in this way, so that you respond in obedience rather than in sin?

## PROMISE KEPT

The only hope for humanity is God's promise of a serpent-crusher. From Genesis 3 onwards, we are searching for the woman's offspring, the one who can and will defeat the devil and free humanity from his power—from death.

Read Luke 11 v 14-22

1. What is Jesus doing (Luke 11 v 14)?

2. What answer does Jesus give (v 17-19)?

3. Who is the “strong man” of verse 21? Who is the “someone stronger” of verse 22?

4. How is Jesus the fulfilment of the promise of Genesis 3 v 15?

5. Let’s go back to our “How would you explain to a friend” question from earlier...How would you explain to a friend how the problems of the world and humanity can be fixed?

## SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

In what ways do you find it easiest to forget the beauty of this world, and the beauty of you as an image-bearing human In what ways do you find it easiest to forget the brokenness of this world, and of you?

How would holding the two together:

- help you be neither too much in love with the world, nor too despairing about the world?
- prompt you to praise the serpent-crusher and to look forward to life with him forever?3. Do you care for it too much, or too little?

## PRAY

**Confess to God** that, like our first ancestors, you’re sinners. Acknowledge (out loud or in your hearts) specific ways you’ve disobeyed him this week.

**Thank God** that he does not leave us where we deserve, under the power of the devil, but instead came as Jesus to free us.

**Ask God** to help you notice when you’re being tempted, and give you the strength to resist the devil and know the blessing of living God’s way.

## EXTRA BIBLE TIME

We’re skipping forward from the fall, through the flood, to chapter 11 of Genesis... Read Genesis 11 v 1-9

What do people decide to do, and why (Gen 11 v 1-4)?

God had told humanity to “fill the earth” (1 v 28) What do these people think of God’s plan (v 4)?

What ends up happening, and why (v 7-9)?

How is this historical episode similar to what happened in Genesis 3?

What are we seeing about what God is like? And about what humans are like?