

By Design | Fall of Man

Intro:

- What is a childhood toy or item you used to always play with? Or, what is something you always used to do, no longer do?
 - In a sense, you all have been separated from those things
 - The idea of separation is what we are going to talk about tonight

Pray

- Read Gen. 3:1-7
 - DQ- Go back and read Gen. 2:16-17, and then read Gen. 3:3-5. Did Adam and Eve really die when they ate of the fruit? Who was the honest side in this situation: God or the serpent?
 - Thought they may not have died physically, did they die another way?
 - I am anticipating that this question will be difficult for students to fully give an answer. Be pushy for conversation here to see what you can get out of students.

Teaching

- Go back to v. 4- they ate of the fruit yet, they didn't die...
 - Did they die another way?
 - Eph 2:1-3
- Last week about being physical and spiritual beings- being made in the image of God

Next Question

- Read Gen. 3:8-13
 - DQ- Read Gen. 1:28-31 and then read Gen. 3:10 and 11. See how God talks to man in both situations. Contrast these two interactions. Why was there a difference? What happened?
 - God talks to man directly in Gen. 1, but in Gen. 3, there is a disconnect, there is a separation. This separation has occurred because of sin entering the world.
 - Read Isaiah 59:2
 - DQ- What does this mean for us today?

Extra time Question:

- After reading v. 14-19 how did God curse the serpent, woman and man?
 - Serpent
 - Cursed above all livestock, on the belly forever, eat dust
 - Enmity (active hostility) between the serpent and the woman/her offspring
 - Woman
 - Pain in childbearing
 - Wanting to lead over male leadership
 - Man
 - Ground is cursed
 - Pain to take care of it
 - Shall return to ground one day
- Only Jesus could break the curse from sin!

Big Takeaway

- We are spiritually dead people and this makes us separated from a Holy God
 - In the beginning, God said it was very good- perfect
 - Because we are physical and spiritual beings, we are spiritually dead because of the presence of sin
- Only way back to a holy God is to become spiritually alive!
 - Read Eph 2:4-10