HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GENESIS

Tragedy in Eden - But A Seed of Hope for a Better Garden

WARM UP - CHOOSE ONE TO ANSWER

If a vaccine made Covid end today what is one of the 1st things you would like to do? What would change and not change in life? What very real problems would still be unsolved?

- 1. How much do we know about this offspring, or descendant (Lit. seed) from the text in 3:15?
- 2. Even while judging treason and betrayal against Him, the Lord gives hope to the fallen for ultimate victory over evil. What does this reveal about Him? How would the shamed couple feel at hearing this and receiving animal skin coverings made by the One they betrayed?

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" JOHN. 1:29 John the Baptist at seeing Jesus

- 3. What more do we find out later about this coming seed from God's unfolding drama of redemption in Scripture? Gen 12:1-3, Gen 49:10, Judah's son Perez in Ruth 4:16-22. Matt 1:1, and 21, 1 Pet 3:18, 2 Cor 5:21, Rev 5:1-14, and 22:16-17
- **4.** How is the new heaven and earth with its God once again walking in the garden a better, and more secure Eden than the first?

"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

ISAIAH. 45:22

5. What do we know about God's heart, and character from His saving us through the death of His Son that we would not have known without our fall and His self-sacrificing rescue? In what way does the fall not overthrow God's plan to share Himself in intimate relationship with His children but rather enhance it?

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Express in a word or sentence how it affects you personally to know God has revealed His whole heart to you so you can draw near to Him in safe and joyous intimacy?

How does the Lord's deep affection for all of those who take refuge in Him shape our relationship and commitment to each other? Share examples you have seen of the member of your group caring for and encouraging one another. Spend time giving thanks for His love.