

SESSION THREE

Chapter 2: The Perished Kingdom

Reflection and Discussion

1. What is your biggest takeaway from this chapter?
2. On pages 38-44, Roberts summarizes the main themes of Genesis 3-11. Try to summarize these chapters yourself, as a group. How would you describe the fall of humanity in Genesis 3 and how does that fall relate to the events described in Genesis 4-11?
3. Speaking of our questions about the serpent that appears in the Garden of Eden and what his background is, Roberts says: "There is no mention of such things in Genesis 3. The writer does not set out to answer all our questions; he simply tells us what we need to know" (38). What do you think of that? Why doesn't the Bible answer all our questions? What do we "need to know" and how should that affect the way we read the Bible?
4. Roberts talks about three relationships that are broken as a result of the sin in Genesis 3 (39-40). What are those three relationships? Why are they broken by the man's and woman's sin?
5. Why are the nine chapters of Genesis 3-11 important for understanding the rest of the Bible?
6. Read Genesis 3 together as a group and answer the questions that Roberts includes on pages 45-46.

For Next Week

Ask your group members to read chapter 3, "The Promised Kingdom," in preparation for next week. Invite them to also complete the Bible study on pages 57-58 on their own time and bring observations from that Bible study to share at your next discussion.