

The Journey Begins

Review it: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Discuss it:

- 1.** For what purpose did God create people? Discuss your purpose and ultimate destiny. How does that make you feel about your life today?
- 2.** What features of the paradise that was lost do you find most interesting or appealing? Why?
- 3.** Do you find any characteristic of the paradise that Adam and Eve lost, difficult to understand? As a group, discuss other possible perspectives on the issue.
- 4.** Satan cast doubt on God's Word when he tempted Eve. Can you think of any ways Satan tempts you to doubt God's Word today? Discuss strategies for overcoming those doubts.
 - Romans 10:17
 - Luke 17:5
- 5.** Satan was the power behind the snake. Discuss what (or who) the "seed of the woman" represents. Has every aspect of these prophecies been fulfilled?
 - Genesis 3:15
 - Galatians 4:3-7
- 6.** Consider and discuss the characteristics of human nature restored when God's Kingdom comes in all its fullness. What will be the believer's ultimate condition?
 - Isaiah 32:1-8
 - Ezekiel 36:24-28
 - Hebrews 12:22-24
 - Romans 8:28-29
- 7.** How was God with his people on that first Christmas? How is God with his children in this world today? How will he be with his children in the world to come?
 - Matthew 1:23
 - John 14:15-21
 - Revelation 21:3-4
- 8.** How did the apostle John react when he saw Jesus face to face? As a believer, how do you think you will respond when you see Jesus face to face? How can you better prepare yourself for that event?
 - Revelation 1:12-18

Pray about it