

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, March 20, 2016

Sermon Series: The Origin of Sin

Key Passage: Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



The Origin of Sin

25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:25 ESV)

How does sin come into the world?

A. People are tempted to doubt God's words

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" (Genesis 3:1 ESV)

B. People get loose with what God has said

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" (Genesis 3:2-3 ESV)

C. People are tempted to doubt that God is good

4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:4-5 ESV)

D. People talk themselves into sin

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:6 ESV)

What does sin do to us when we choose it?

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (Genesis 3:7 ESV)



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Getting Started

1. Did anything stand out to you about Mark's sermon this weekend? Did you hear anything that you are applying to your life? If so, what?

2. How have you seen sin 'win' people over? If you're willing to share, how have you battled sin in your own life?

3. Try and recall a time that you were embarrassed for yourself or someone else. What happened and what was it that made it embarrassing?

Read Genesis 2:16-20

Take note of anything that stands out to you, anything that confuses you, or anything that interests you.

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1. What kind of idea is the serpent planting in Eve in verse 1? What do you think the author means when he calls the serpent 'crafty'? What is significant about the question that the serpent asks?
2. Why is the temptation of verse 5 so enticing to Adam and Eve? Or, even to us today?
3. Why do you think that the woman was so willing to believe the serpent? How have we started to question God's Word today?
4. Where was Adam during the exchange between Eve and the serpent? How did Adam and Eve convince themselves that what they were doing was okay? (Look at how the tree is described by Eve in verse 6)
5. What does sin do to Adam and Eve in verse 7? What is the deeper meaning of verse 7? What is the difference between sin and temptation?

Becoming:

This week continue to take some time out of your schedule to pour into important relationships in your life. It can be a marriage, friendship, or a dating relationship. Take some time to just spend with the two or three of you. Put your phones away and just talk about life and what God is doing in your life. Spend time developing your relationship with those people who God has placed in your life. Try spending some dedicated time in prayer within that relationship this week!