

# Take Home

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5. Why do we need Jesus in order to fulfill our original vocation in the world? Why can't we just do it on our own?

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 3:14-24

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

16 To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

## DISCUSSION PROMPTS FOR SMALL GROUPS, FRIEND GROUPS & HOUSEHOLDS:

1. **Read Genesis 3:14-24** (*printed above*). What stands out to you and why? What questions does this passage raise in your mind? (Feel free to wrestle with those questions together)
2. In what ways do you experience the enmity, pain and frustration described in this passage?
3. People from different cultural backgrounds respond differently to this account. Some are offended that God would curse His own creation. Others are offended by God's mercy. What do you make of His response to sin? Is He fair? What does this passage reveal about God?
4. How does Jesus fulfill Adam's (and Israel's) vocation?

## Sermon Notes