

THE GOD WHO PURSUES US

Genesis 3:14-19

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INTRO:

Our understanding of God is shaped by two factors:

1. Personal bias
2. Personal background

A. GOD PURSUES US IN CREATION

1. God longs to have a relationship with us (Genesis 3:9)
2. God created a plan to restore us (Genesis 3:15)

B. GOD PURSUES US BY ESTABLISHING A NATION

1. The blessing of Israel (Genesis 12:2-3)
2. The breakdown of Israel (Jeremiah 15:6-7)

C. GOD PURSUES US THROUGH THE INCARNATION

1. The identity of Christ (Matthew 1:21)
2. The destiny of Christ (Luke 19:10)

D. GOD PURSUES US THROUGH THE CRUCIFIXION

1. The penalty of sin (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:22)
2. The payment of sin (John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Revelations 5:9)

CONCLUSION:

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

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1. Are you a person who likes to follow the news? What do you think of the condition of our world right now?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-3. What is it about the “forbidden” that makes something so tempting to us? What does this say about human nature?
3. Read Genesis 3:4-6. What can we learn from this account about how temptation works?
4. Read Genesis 3:7-13. It is so tempting to blame others rather than take responsibility for our actions. Share about a time when you were tempted to blame someone else for what you knew was your fault.
5. Read Genesis 3:15. If you have had the experience, recount what happened in your life when you first met Christ and were forgiven.
6. We have all been damaged by sin. Disobedience to a holy God first of all separates us from our Creator. It also brings with it devastating life consequences such as broken relationships, addictions, emotional torment, and even premature death. Many of us have also been deeply hurt by the sinning of others. It is therefore not surprising that the Bible portrays sin as more than simply “bad choices.” Sin is itself a power. Following the events of Genesis 3, God warns Cain that “sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you” (Genesis 4:7). Our only hope is in the fact that Jesus put sin’s power to death on the Cross (Romans 6:6–7) so that, through faith in Him and by His Spirit, we may finally experience freedom from sin’s enslaving power.

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1. Based on the last Sunday’s sermon, what is the significance of the Road to Emmaus?
2. Have you ever experienced a time when you were reading the Bible and God spoke to you through His Word? Tell us about it.
3. Read Luke 24:13-35. This Bible story about two of Jesus’ followers takes place after Jesus has been resurrected. Jesus’ followers were confused by what had happened. They were hoping that Jesus had come to establish an earthly kingdom, and now their dreams were dead along with Jesus.
4. Have you ever had a dream that turned out completely different than you expected?
5. Does Jesus’ reaction to the two men in Luke 24:25–26 surprise you? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you hope to hear from God about the ***Bible Engagement Project***?