



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 3: The First Sin

Suggested Week of Use: December 17, 2023

Core Passage: Genesis 3:1-7,21-24

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### News Story Summary

Earlier this year, the International Mission Board (IMB) launched a new effort to reach people who don't know Jesus. It's called Project 3000, and the goal is to engage more than 3,000 unreached people groups with the gospel, including almost 800 that have no access to the Bible in their own language. Over the next five years, the IMB will recruit and send three hundred "Missionary Explorers" to carry out Project 3000. Each of these Explorers will devote two years to the project, focusing on ways to "journey into the unknown to find out where these people groups live, learn about their culture, discern their literacy, develop ministry strategies and find people to partner with them in the task."

Through Project 3000, the IMB and its partners hope to reach "the deepest part of lostness, the place where nobody is looking for these folks, to be able to make sure they have the opportunity to hear the life-giving good news that Jesus saves and can move us from perishing to life everlasting," IMB Vice President John Brady said. The IMB is currently accepting applications from individuals who feel God calling them to become Project 3000 Explorers.

For more about this story, search "IMB Project 3000."

### Engage

To supplement Engage, discuss how sin leads to punishment and separation from God. Say: *As a result of sin and separation from God, many people groups in the world find themselves with little or no access to the gospel message.* Share about the IMB's Project 3000 as a way to reach unreached people groups. Highlight the statement from John Brady about going into the lostness of the world. Ask: *How did sin become so overwhelming in our world?* Explain that today's session examines the origin of sin in the world and its devastating impact.

### Challenge

To supplement Challenge, after asking the question of how God offers grace in the midst of our rebellion, remind learners of the IMB's Project 3000. Discuss how Project 3000 is an example of God demonstrating His grace for those who are unreached with the gospel. Share that one Project 3000 missionary, Ray Henry Holiday, is working in Southeast Asia. He goes to a remote location for six weeks at a time, traveling with minimal supplies and surviving with just a backpack of materials. Note that many others will be following in Ray's footsteps. Encourage adults to determine how they can bring light to the darkness in their world this week.