

CREATION CORRUPTED

CENTRAL TRUTH

In this week's passage, we will see that the good world that the Lord created was corrupted, and Adam and Eve's relationship with Him was fractured. However, the Lord graciously moved toward them. **God promised a Redeemer as a result of humanity's rebellion.**

KEY QUESTION

- ↑ **What does the Lord's moving toward Adam and Eve despite their rebellion and shame reveal about His character?**

God's moving toward the rebellious man and woman reveals His initiating love. Not only does the Lord challenge them to reflect on their disobedience and confess their sin, but He demonstrates His grace in promising a Redeemer to save humanity.

KEEP IN MIND

- In this week's passage, the serpent leads Eve to doubt the Lord and His good character. "Did God really say . . . ?" is likely a familiar thought that has crept into the minds of you and the students in your group regarding something the Lord has said in His Word. Help students understand that we must allow the truth of God's character and promises to anchor us.
- The Lord graciously gave Adam and Eve animal skins to cover themselves—something more sufficient than the fig leaves they wore. This sets up a pattern we will explore again later in this quarter's study: the shedding of blood to cover sins. As you work through the Gospel of John in the coming weeks, it may be helpful to recall this theme established in Genesis.

APPLICATION

- **How can we remind ourselves of God's character and promises when difficult situations or temptations arise?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: The "win" for students is to see God's initiating love through the promise of a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus.

FOR THE LEADER: Just as Adam and Eve did, we may be tempted to distrust the Lord's character. Help students to understand that we do not have to be skeptical of the Lord's character. His love is perfectly displayed in Christ, the Redeemer.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?