

Week 2 - Corruption

Throughout this season we are learning about some of the biggest events in the history of the world that changed everything. Last week we talked about Creation and how God created everything just the way He wanted. Everything was created perfectly and God called it all good, but it didn't stay that way very long.

When the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, were living in the Garden of Eden, they had a close relationship with God just like they were supposed to. They understood that God was the Creator and that they were supposed to serve and represent Him. Unfortunately, our next big event changed that relationship forever.

The event we are going to talk about today is the **Corruption** of all mankind.

In the Garden of Eden, there were many fruit trees that God had given Adam and Eve for food. There was only one tree that they were not supposed to use for food.

The perfect relationship that Adam and Eve had with God was changed forever with one devastating act of disobedience. Instead of serving God and representing Him, Adam and Eve decided to instead serve themselves. For a moment they decided to disregard the instructions from God and wanted to do things their own way. They thought they knew better than God and that they didn't have to listen to Him. But that one act of disobedience in eating what they weren't supposed to changed all of the world and **corrupted** mankind forever (**Romans 5:12**).

Ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating from the tree He told them not to, mankind has been an enemy of God. The relationship that was created had been dissolved because of something called **sin**.

Sin is anything that we do to disobey God. It is doing something that God tells us not to, or not doing something that He does tell us to do. Sin is choosing to be selfish and do what we want instead of doing what our Creator asks us to do. And ever since the **Corruption** in the Garden of Eden, every human being instinctively sins and is an enemy of God.

There were big consequences when Adam and Eve sinned. Sin brought death into the world. God is perfect and cannot be around sin, so when Adam and Eve sinned, their relationship with God died. Their physical bodies would now experience pain and decay and would eventually die too.

God is fair and has to punish sin, but He gave Adam and Eve a promise. One day, God promised that He would defeat sin and repair the relationship between God and man. So stay with us this season and we'll learn how God fulfills that promise.

Discussion Questions:

- What is sin?
- What are the consequences of sin?
- How did the relationship with God change when sin entered through the **Corruption**?