



Genesis 3

EVE: FROM DOUBT TO DISASTER



talkabout

1. Share some experiences you have had of putting your trust in someone who let you down. What have you learned about who can be trusted?



investigate

2. To put our passage in context, look up the following key verses from Genesis 1 & 2 and write down a brief summary of each.

1v1

1v26

1v31

2v16-17

2v18

2v22-23

2v25



➤ **Read Genesis 3**

3. What tricks does the serpent use to tempt Eve (v 1, 4-5)?

4. What does he want Eve to think God is like?

5. Look at how Eve responds to the serpent. Why do you think she responds like this (v 2-3, 6)?

6. God had given a special role to Eve (2 v 18). In what way does she fail to carry it out (3 v 6)?

7. What do you think was at the heart of Adam and Eve's sin?



explore more

Read Philippians 2 v 5-11. Compare the attitude of Jesus to God with that of Adam and Eve. What strikes you about the differences?



apply

8. What bits of God's Word do you find it hardest to trust? Why?
- What should we be doing about this?
 - What helps us to trust God more and how can we help one another?

getting personal

What impression of God might you be giving to those around you? That He's totally trustworthy, a God of goodness and love? Or something closer to the serpent's picture of God?

investigate

In the beginning, everything in God's creation was very good (1 v 31). All relationships were perfect and harmonious (between humans and God, between man and woman, between humans and the world) and everything was under God's rule. Now sin has entered the world and everything is spoiled.

9. Along with sin, what other terrible things have now become part of life in the garden?

10. What sentence does God pronounce on the serpent (v 14-15)?



11. What will childbirth and marriage be like for the woman?

12. What will work be like for the man?

13. What signs of God's mercy can you see (v 20-24)?



explore more

How do both God's promise in Genesis 3 v 15, and God's action in 3 v 21, preview God's solution to the mess that human rebellion has caused (see Hebrews 2 v 14)?



apply

14. What have you learned about God from this study?
- Do you agree that not trusting God has terrible consequences? Why/why not?

- When Christians forget or ignore the consequences of not trusting God, what happens to holy living and evangelism?

- How can we help one another not to make this mistake (see Philippians 3 v 14-21, especially v 19b and 20)?



getting personal

How do you think this passage should affect the way you think and what you do?



pray

Genesis 3 reminds us how seriously God takes sin. Spend some time saying sorry to God for the ways in which you fail to trust Him.

Thank God that, in heaven, everything will be perfect again. You may like to read **Revelation 21 v 3-4** and turn the verses into a prayer of thanks and praise.

