

Our Bible Sisters: Eve—Experiencing God's Forgiveness

Participant's Guide

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Our Bible Sisters is a series of one-hour studies that may be used separately or in any combination. Each looks at a different woman of the Bible, highlighting God's faithfulness in her life, with applications to the lives of all Christian women today.

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Opening Prayer

Read Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:18-25

1. What do we know about how and why Eve came into the world?

Read Genesis 3:1-6

2. What do we learn about:
 - Satan’s approach from 3:1?
 - Eve’s response in 3:2-3?
 - Satan’s enticement to sin in 3:4-6?
 - Adam’s role in this first sin?
3. From these verses, what 4 or 5 lessons can we apply to our own lives today?

Compare Genesis 3:6 with 1 John 2:16

4. What parallels do we see in Satan's temptations?
5. Compare this also to Jesus' temptation in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11. How did Jesus withstand Satan's temptations?

Read Genesis 3:7-8

6. What was Adam and Eve's response to their sin?
7. Why is hiding the worst thing we could do when we sin?

Read Genesis 3:9-11

8. How does God confront us when we sin?
9. What is God's response when we confess our sins?
10. What is our response to be?

Read Genesis 3:14-19

11. What was the consequence of sin:
 - for the serpent?

 - for Satan?

 - for the woman?

 - for Adam?

 - for nature?

 - for all of mankind?

12. What are some of the ways we are tempted to doubt God's words and the goodness of his motives?

13. God drove Adam and Eve out of the perfect garden; he made life physically very difficult for them; there must have been emotional pain in their lives as they saw one son kill his brother and then leave home to wander. Doesn't this lead us to question the goodness of God's motives toward them?

14. What have you learned about Eve that you will carry away from this study?

Closing Prayer/Meditation

I Will Sing My Maker's Praises CW 253 vs. 1

*I will sing my Maker's praises
And in him most joyful be,
For in all things I see traces
Of his tender love for me.
Nothing else than love could move him
With such deep and tender care
Evermore to raise and bear
All who try to serve and love him.
All things else have but their day;
God's great love abides for aye.*

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