

Divine
"Bread Crumb"
Trails



Week 6: The Three Trees

Welcome

Would you rather have a rewind button or a pause button on your life?

Worship

Pray through *Psalm 51* together, asking God to cleanse our hearts as we reflect on humanity's fall and the redemption found in Christ.

Word

Tree 1: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil— Read *Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-7*.

1. The Hebrew word for “knowledge” in “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” (דַּעַת, *da'at*) implies experiential knowledge. How does this impact our understanding of Adam and Eve's choice?

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2. In what ways do we see glimpses of the brokenness from Genesis 3 still playing out in our world today? How does this affect our relationships with God and others?

Tree 2: The Cross— Read *Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:10-14*.

3. Why is it significant that Jesus was “hung on a tree” and considered cursed?

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4. **1 Peter 2:24** states that Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross. The Greek word for “bore” (*anaphérō*) means to lift up or carry. How does this impact our understanding of Jesus’ sacrifice?

Tree 3: The Tree of Life— Read *Revelation 22:1-5*

5. In ***Revelation 22:2***, the Tree of Life produces fruit every month. How does this contrast with ***Genesis 3:22-24***, where access to the Tree of Life was cut off?

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6. How does the journey from the first tree (fall), to the second tree (redemption), to the third tree (restoration) shape our understanding of God's grand narrative?

7. How have you grown spiritually as a result of this series?

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Witness

Brainstorm three ways you can intentionally invest in friendships with non-believers this month. How can you follow through? Also, if you have not already, schedule your Life Group outreach project. If you have already held your outreach project, ask your leader to inform one of the Life Groups staff members.

Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for this Week

- Memorize *Galatians 3:12*
- Do a deeper study on the **1st tree: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**— Read *Genesis 2:16-17; Genesis 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; James 1:13-15*.
 - Write down what these passages teach about temptation, sin, and its consequences.
 - Compare Genesis 3:1-7 and James 1:13-15. How does James describe the process of temptation and sin? How does this parallel Adam and Eve’s experience?
 - Romans 5:12-19 explains how Adam’s sin affected humanity and how Jesus reversed that curse. Make a list of contrasts between Adam and Jesus in this passage.
 - Why do you think God placed the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the garden? What does this teach us about free will and our relationship with God?
 - In what ways do we still struggle with the same choice Adam and Eve faced—trusting God’s wisdom vs. defining good and evil for ourselves?

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- Do a deeper study on the **2nd tree: The Cross**— Read *Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:13-14; Isaiah 53:4-6; 1 Peter 2:24; Colossians 2:13-14*.
 - According to Galatians 3:13-14, why did Christ become a curse for us? How does this connect to Deuteronomy 21:22-23?
 - What does Isaiah 53:4-6 reveal about the purpose of Christ’s suffering? Write down key words and phrases that describe what He endured for us.
 - Compare 1 Peter 2:24 and Colossians 2:13-14. What does it mean that Jesus bore our sins “in His body on the tree” and that our “debt” was nailed to the cross?
 - How does Jesus’ obedience at the second tree (the cross) contrast Adam and Eve’s disobedience at the first tree? Read *Romans 5:19* for insight.
 - How should the truth of Jesus’ redemptive work shape how you view your past sins and failures?
- Do a deeper study on the **3rd tree: The Tree of Life**— Read *Genesis 3:22-24; Proverbs 3:18; Revelation 2:7; Revelation 22:1-5*.
 - What does Genesis 3:22-24 tell us about why Adam and Eve were barred from the Tree of Life? What does this symbolize?
 - Proverbs 3:18 describes wisdom as a “tree of life.” How does this relate to the wisdom Adam and Eve sought at the first tree in Genesis 3?
 - Revelation 2:7 promises access to the Tree of Life to those who overcome. What does it mean to “overcome,” and how do believers do so?
 - Read Revelation 22:1-5. Compare the Tree of Life in the new creation to the one in Genesis. How is God’s original purpose for humanity restored?
 - How does the promise of full restoration and eternal life affect the way you live today?