

The Bible as

ONE BOOK

THE PERISHED KINGDOM

Welcome to Week 2! This week is all about the Perished Kingdom. Questions this week will revolve around sin and what happened to the intended Pattern of the Kingdom of God in Genesis chapter 1 and 2. Parents, a good goal for this week is to practice and talk with your children about what sin is, the effects of sin, and what sin does to God's creation. The story this week takes a turn for the worse in the garden but in ending your conversations together, remind each other that we know the full story, Jesus eventually came to crush the head of the serpent and to destroy and conquer the effects of sin once and for all!

- 1. Spend a few minutes reviewing as a family the first Kingdom and something God has been teaching you. (Hint: you may want to use the Pop-Quiz questions that led into the sermon this weekend!)**
- 2. When Adam and Eve chose to do what was right in their own eyes, they replaced God as the rightful king over creation with themselves. At that moment, God's intended kingdom changed as we know it. Can you think of something we experience, endure, or go through that wasn't a part of the intended plan of God's Kingdom?**
- 3. In Robert's book, he says, "The great sin was not simply knowing what was right and wrong, but deciding what was right and wrong," What are ways that we try to convince ourselves of what is right and wrong rather than what God commands in His word is right and wrong?**

4. Find something in your home that is broken. Discuss together what it means that something is broken or doesn't function the way it was created to. Ultimately, sin is more than what we do, think and say. As humans, we are all sinful by nature. Parents, explain how this understanding influences how you view and parent your children and their decisions? Children: knowing that your parents are not perfect, how does this change or affect your view of them knowing that they will never be a perfect parent?

5. On the contrary, the Bible declares God as perfect, just, and holy; it's who He is. Because this is who God is, sin in the world cannot go unpunished without consequence. As Adam and Eve ate the fruit, what were some of the consequences that happened in that moment and consequences that were to come in the world? Do we still see the effects of these consequences in our world today? What are some examples?

6. In the sermon, we discussed some ideas and truth about who Satan is. Why is an accurate description of who Satan is important as we battle against sin in our lives? Do you understand that Satan hates all that is good and of God and wants to ruin anything that God cares for, including us? How does this encourage you to resist the temptation to sin in your life?

7. Adam and Eve experienced how Satan's goal was to bring Deception, Doubt, Denial, and Destruction. What lies are we being tempted to believe that are not leading us to God, but away from God? What Bible passages can you think of, as a family, to help each other know the truth of how to fight against these lies? Parents, do you have a favourite verse that you have memorized to share with your children?

8. To the glory of God, even amidst the sin and consequence, all hope was not lost. But in order to receive the grace in Genesis 3:15 we need a reason for the Rescue plan of God. The sermon this week emphasized that "if you can't understand that bad news [sin] you will never get the good news [Jesus]." Look up Romans 5:8 and explain the good news available for people in the Perished Kingdom. How can you practice the sharing of the gospel together as a family? Who might you be able to share this good news with this week?