

Activity Sheet, 4 March 2018

Sharing God's home

Genesis 2v4-17

➤ Which best describes what the Bible is (a) rule book, (b) rescue manual, (c) theology textbook?

- Genesis shows us the mess we are in is not God's fault
- Chapter 2 introduces what goes wrong in chapter 3

(1)Original home

- before Noah's flood [2 Peter 3v6]
- before sin

➤ "This is the account of..." (2v4). Who else has their family introduced in the same way in Genesis? E.g. see 6v9, 11v27, 25v19, 37v2.

➤ "The Bible answers all our questions about what the world was like before sin entered." True or false?

(2)God's home

- God's presence
- God's temple [Ezekiel 28v13]

▶ earth was a home good enough for God, and opened up to mankind

➤ What was in the middle of the garden (2v9)? Who did they represent?

➤ Which of the following was found in the temple but not mentioned in Eden? (a) blood, (b) cherubim, (c) trees, (d) gold.

(3)Guests in God's home

- dependence [Acts 17v25]
- service [1 Corinthians 10v31]
- obedience

▶ The LORD God is the God who rescues guilty people. Jesus is LORD.

➤ God meets our needs as a (a) reward or (b) gift?

➤ Which people also had to "work" in and "take care" of God's home? (See Numbers 3v7-8).

➤ Adam could eat from (a) lots of trees, or (b) few trees?

Questions for discussion:

1. In what ways do we try and blame God for what is wrong in us and in the world?
2. What are the similarities and differences between the world of Genesis 2 and our world?
3. What is the significance of the two trees at the centre of the garden?
4. How dependent are we on God? Why do we not like the idea of being dependent?
5. What is work? Why should we work? What difference should being a Christian make in how we go about our work? (E.g. see Colossians 3v18-4v1)
6. What is the problem with "knowing good and evil"? Why must death be the result?
7. Unlike Eden, why is the temple in the Old Testament covered in blood? How does that open the door to paradise?