

## Activity Sheet, 15 April 2018

### What went wrong?

Genesis 3v1-8; Matthew 4v1-11

- Sin enters in *paradise* – God's home
- Genesis 3 is the turning point away from God

➤ What 'smaller' sins can lead to a 'big' sin like murder?

#### (1) Why it matters that this happened

- goodness of God
- the serpent?
- we are to blame

- "The account in Genesis 3 is just a way of saying we are all sinful – Adam and Eve were just like everyone else?" True or false? [*Hint*: where were Adam and Eve and what were they like in the beginning?]
- If Adam and Eve were sinful from the beginning whose fault is it? (a) God, (b) Adam and Eve, (c) Satan
- Who is described as a serpent in Revelation 12v9? (Also compare Genesis 3v15 with Romans 16v20)
- How many people are with Adam and Eve in v6?

#### (2) Why it matters how this happened

- sin is unnatural
- sin is a con
- sin is stupid
- sin is offensive

- Who should (a) Adam, (b) Eve, (c) the serpent been listening to?
- "Satan *commands* Eve to eat the fruit." True or false?
- What do Adam and Eve see when their "eyes were opened" (v7)?
- Eve "saw ... was good" (v6) – who does she sound like? [*Hint*: see chapter 1v4, 10 etc.!]

#### (3) Why it matters that Jesus dwelt in our world

- resists temptation in the desert [Matthew 4v1-11]

➤ In Matthew 26v26 what does Jesus tell his disciples to do that echoes Genesis 3?

#### Questions for discussion:

1. What are the different explanations for why the world is as it is today? How believable is the account in Genesis 3?
2. In what ways is God's goodness questioned today?
3. What does the Bible say about the origin of evil?
4. What is unnatural about the following sins (a) stealing, (b) lying, (c) adultery?
5. What tactics does Satan use to deceive Eve? Where do we see the same tactics today?
6. What attitude does Eve have towards God in v2-6? Why does this lead to disobedience?
7. Are Adam and Eve an example (not to copy) or an explanation (of why we sin)?