

TURN & TALK DISCUSSION

1. While the Bible doesn't describe the origins of the snake or how it became rebellious, it does offer insight into what this creature is all about. Look up some of these biblical references (Matthew 4:3, Matthew 6:13, Matthew 13:19; Mark 1:13; 4:15; John 12:31; Acts 5:3; Ephesians 2:2, Ephesians 6:11,16 1 Thessalonians 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:26; James 4:7 16:11;) and ask the following questions:
 1. What kinds of tactics does the snake use to influence others?
 2. What are the results of the snake's impact on a human?
 3. What is the arena of the snake's current influence?
 4. How can the snake be resisted?
2. How are the promises to Abraham, Judah and David all tied together in Psalm 72? What kind of future hope is described in the promises to each of these two men? (Genesis 1:27-28, 3:15, 12:1-3; 22:18)
3. Recall how Jesus saw himself as freeing people from slavery to the snake's influence (see Luke 13:16 and Acts 10:38). How does the rest of the New Testament describe that same freedom in the lives of Jesus' followers? (Genesis 12:1-3, 49:8-12, 1 Chronicles 17:10-14, Psalm 72)
4. How are the themes of the "offspring of the woman", blessing for the nations, and the "offspring of Abraham" connected in the stories of Genesis? What is the future hope for humanity offered in these promises and stories?
5. How does Isaiah combine the themes of the future victorious messiah and the fatally wounded victor from Genesis 3:15? Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12: Where is the servant's victory described? Why does the servant die? What results from the servant dying? (Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8; 2 Timothy 1:9-10)