

Sin Changes Everything

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INTRODUCTION:

- What have you learned in Genesis 3? *Take a few moments and let the class share the big ideas we have covered in our lessons on this chapter.*
- This morning, there is one overarching point to remember: Sin changes everything.
 - In Genesis 3, sin changed the world. The Bible shows us that almost everything we are familiar with has been touched by sin.
- Why is this important to you and to me? We deal with sin and its effects every day. If we don't understand it, or if we choose to ignore it, sin will destroy your life.
- Let's look at the impact of the fall...

BIBLE STUDY: (TEACHING IDEA: Assign each point to a team of people and allow them to teach it back to the class.)

1. Sin has a spiritual impact (Genesis 2:17).
 - a. The cause of death is sin. The Bible says that we are all sinners. What is the evidence? We all die.
 - b. God was clear that if they chose to disobey Him they would bring death into the world. The process of dying had begun.
 - c. But the Bible teaches us that death is more than just a physical event; it is also a spiritual reality.
 - d. Even though we will one day die physically, we will still live in either Heaven or Hell for eternity. The ultimate death is to be separated from God in Hell forever.
2. Sin has an emotional & mental impact (Genesis 3:7-8).
 - a. Go back and read 2:25. This is so difficult for us to imagine!
 - b. It's interesting that the first thing the Bible points out after their sin is their acute awareness of their nakedness. Their focus had turned to self.
 - c. Instead of a perfect relationship of mutual service toward each other, they were now focused on self.
 - d. In verse 8, they hid themselves. Why were they hiding? They were afraid! This is the first time in human history where we see fear.
 - e. Today, many people struggle with fear. There are so many things to be afraid of. But that was not God's plan. Before this, there was nothing to fear! Now fear would become a normal part of people's lives.
 - f. There's another kind of mental impact – they were trying to hide from God!
 - g. What a crazy idea – trying to hide from God! Sin seems to make you a little less intelligent!
3. Sin has an impact on the family (Genesis 3:11-12).
 - a. Read the text and then ask: What do you think the first conversation between Adam and Eve was immediately after God left the garden? It wasn't good!
 - b. Right there is most likely your very first marital dispute!
 - c. For the first time we see blame shifting and the sudden need to justify their own personal actions.
 - d. One of the greatest impacts of the Fall has been on the family, and it can all be traced back to Genesis 3.
4. Sin has an environmental impact (Genesis 3:17-19).
 - a. Suddenly roses had thorns, the fields had weeds. Farming became difficult.

- b. Work became more intense and required more effort.
 - c. Adam & Eve's disobedience affected all of creation, including the environment.
 - d. Thought: Your sin has an impact on others. One of the biggest lies that we believe is that I can sin privately.
 - i. First: God always knows. No sin is ever private.
 - ii. Second: Our sin will always impact others – usually those that we are closest to and love the most.
5. Sin has an impact on relationships (Genesis 4:4-5, 8).
- a. Notice in vs. 5 that Cain was angry. His countenance fell. We would say that he was depressed.
 - b. Why was like this? Because he had disobeyed God by not bringing the right sacrifice. Look at verse 7 – If you do well, things will be better!
 - c. In vs. 8, Cain's sin led him to commit the first murder.
 - d. Anger, depression, jealousy, hatred...all the result of sin.
 - e. Why do people have such a difficult time getting along today? One word: sin.
6. Sin has a personal impact (Genesis 4:11-13).
- a. Cain becomes the first fugitive.
 - b. Thought: See how quickly sin spreads? Adam & Eve were the parents of Cain. It didn't take long for Cain's sin nature to develop.
 - c. The small sin of eating a piece of fruit quickly leads to murder. Sin grows like a fire that is out of control.
 - d. Application: Sin is pleasurable for a time but it never lasts. Sin destroys lives. Peter warns us in the New Testament that Satan (the original sinner) is like a lion seeking for people he can destroy.
7. Sin has an on-going, universal impact (Genesis 5:3).
- a. Adam has a son in his own image.
 - b. In chapter 1 we learned that we all have the image of God in our lives. It is what gives our lives dignity and value.
 - c. But now we gain another part of our person. We are like God in some ways – and we are like Adam in another way – we all are born with a sin nature.
 - d. Romans 5:12 makes this point clear: We are all “born in sin.”
 - e. You are not a sinner because you sin. You sin because you are a sinner. It's why many times the first word our children learn is “no.”
 - f. The Bible says that all have sinned and fall short of God's standard.

CONCLUSION: Sin impacts everything!

- Sin has impacted you and your life. Sin causes problems in our relationships, in our work, even in our physical bodies.
- But our biggest problem has nothing to do with this life, our sin has separated us from a pure and perfect, holy God. If we don't handle your sin problem, we will spend eternity separated from God in Hell.
- But there is wonderful news: Romans 5:8
 - Have you received God's gift of forgiveness and salvation?
 - Once you deal with your eternal sin problem, you can begin to work on your daily sin problem.