THE FIRST PROMISE OF A REDEEMER

Small Group Questions + Leader Statements from the Sermon

OPENING QUESTION

1. When you think about the fall in Genesis 3, what emotions or thoughts come to mind? Why is Genesis 3:15 called "the first gospel"?

Leader Statements:

- "The words contained in Genesis 3:15 constitute the first gospel sermon ever preached."
- "The preacher was the Lord God Almighty; the audience was the Devil, Adam and Eve, and the whole human race."
- "This verse declares seven great fundamental truths that are amplified throughout the Bible."

SECTION 1 — GOD'S SOVEREIGN LOVE

2. How does God seeking Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:8-9) help you understand His sovereign love?

Leader Statements:

- "What happened immediately when sin came into the world? At once God intervened."
- "God immediately sought out His disobedient children not to kill them, but to declare His love for them."
- "How awesome it is that back in the Garden of Eden God expressed His love by promising to send the Savior!"
- 3. What does God's immediate promise of a Redeemer show us about His heart toward humanity?

Leader Statements:

- "God said, 'I will do something... I will send a Redeemer who will be her seed."
- "This Redeemer is God's Son, who would come in the fullness of time to live, die, and rise again."

SECTION 2 — THE PERSONAL DEVIL

4. Why is it important for believers to recognize the existence of a real spiritual enemy?

Leader Statements:

- "Few people today believe in a personal Devil, but the Bible emphatically declares his existence."

- "The serpent was Satan incarnate the agent or tool of Satan."
- "Thank God his doom is sealed! It was sealed when God first said Genesis 3:14-15."

SECTION 3 — EVE AS THE FIRST WOMAN

5. Why does Scripture affirming Eve as the first woman matter today?

Leader Statements:

- "So Adam and Eve were our first parents."
- "Eve was the mother of all living."
- "This passage establishes where we come from and why redemption was necessary."

SECTION 4 — THE VIRGIN BIRTH

6. What does the phrase "her seed" reveal about the supernatural conception of Jesus?

Leader Statements:

- "Her seed' is an unusual expression the seed for procreation is always resident in the male."
- "The explanation is that Jesus would not be born as the result of the union of a man and a woman."
- "His was to be a virgin birth, conceived of the Holy Spirit."

SECTION 5 — JESUS CAME TO DIE

7. What was the primary purpose of Jesus' coming?

Leader Statements:

- "Yes, He was our teacher, our example, a great reformer but this verse tells us that He came to die."
- "He was born to die otherwise there would be no redemption."
- "John said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

SECTION 6 — THE SECOND COMING & FINAL TRIUMPH

8. How does the promised defeat of Satan give you hope today?

Leader Statements:

- "On the Cross Jesus vanquished Satan, and on His return Satan will be overthrown and cast out forever."

- "Genesis 3:15 speaks of His first coming and His second coming the suffering and the triumph."
- "Hallelujah-God will make all things new."
- 9. How does knowing Satan's doom is sealed affect how you face spiritual battles?

Leader Statements:

- "The God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly."
- "This promise is not just distant it's meant to fuel our endurance today."

SECTION 7 — FAITH COMES BY HEARING

10. Where is God asking you to trust Him before you see the outcome?

Leader Statements:

- "When Adam heard God's promise, faith was implanted in his heart."
- "Eve was not then a mother, but Adam had faith to believe she would become a mother through whom the Redeemer would come."
- "Their sin was not a dead end. God still used them to bring the Redeemer."
- 11. How does Romans 10:17 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 challenge our role as ambassadors?

Leader Statements:

- "God has always had a plan for us to be in right relationship with Him."
- "The heart of God is to bring the world into relationship with Him."
- "We have been given the ministry of reconciliation this is our calling."

APPLICATION

12. What is one step you can take this week to be an ambassador for Christ?

Leader Statements:

- "We implore you on Christ's behalf be reconciled to God."
- "God Himself is pleading through us."
- "We become the righteousness of God in Him now we live that out."