Opening

Gathering: Give an example of how you have been deceived by crafty words.

Today’s Focus: To understand how sin corrupted God’s perfect creation, how our sinful desires have not changed since the first sin, and how God responds to the sins of His people.

Key Verses: *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.* 1 Cor. 10:13

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ.* Romans 6:23

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Creation *(Genesis 1)*

What is the meatiest verse in the Bible?  
Genesis 1:1

Why did God create the heavens and the earth and everything we know, including us?  
Revelation 4:11

What did God think about His creation when He was finished?  
Genesis 1:31a

What is the literary form of Genesis 1?  
Genesis 1:3-5

Is Genesis 1 intended to explain the details of creation?  
Ecclesiastes 3:11

What is the purpose of Genesis 1?  
Deuteronomy 3:24

Man *(Genesis 2)*

What was the last thing that God created?  
Genesis 1:27-28

What does it mean to be created in God’s image?  
Ephesians 4:24

Does being created in God’s image only refer to being righteous and holy?  
Colossians 3:10

How does the author of Genesis refer to the original perfection and innocence of man?  
Genesis 2:25

*aron* - Hebrew for *naked*

How does the author of Genesis use a play on words to introduce the fall of man story in the next verse?  
Genesis 3:1a

*arum* - Hebrew for *crafty*
Satan (Ezekiel 28) - Hebrew for adversary

How did sin enter God's perfect world?
Ezekiel 28:12b-13a, 14-16
What does Isaiah describe as the reason Satan was driven out?
Isaiah 14:12-15
Hebrew for morning star was translated as Lucifer in Latin Vulgate
What did Satan do after being kicked out of God's holy kingdom?
1 Peter 5:8
How did Jesus describe how Satan recruits people into his family and leads the world astray?
John 8:44
Is Satan free to do anything he desires to us?
Job 1:6-9, 11-12
Why is this important for us to understand?
1 Corinthians 10:13
What destiny awaits Satan and his recruits?
Ezekiel 28:17-19
How does John describe this in his book on the last days?
Revelation 12:7-9; 20:7-10

Satan Tempts (Genesis 3:1-5)

How did the crafty serpent begin his effort to turn man away from God?
Genesis 3:1
How did the woman play into his game?
Genesis 3:2-3
How did the woman's response twist the truth?
Genesis 2:16-17
How did the father of lies twist things further in the woman's mind?
Genesis 3:4-5

The Fall (Genesis 3:6)

How did Eve respond to this deception?
Genesis 3:6a
How does this fit with John's description of sin in today's world?
1 John 2:16
How upset was Adam when he learned what this woman had done?
Genesis 3:6b

Knowledge of Guilt (Genesis 3:7-11)

Were their eyes opened, knowing good and evil, as Satan had promised?
Genesis 3:7
They were still alive (Adam lived 930 yrs). Was the consequence of death over-exaggerated?
Romans 5:12
How proud were Adam and Eve of this new knowledge?
Genesis 3:8
Knowing what had happened, how did God give them the opportunity to confess their sin?
Genesis 3:9-11
Human Nature  \( (\text{Genesis } 3:12-13) \)

Faced with the fact that God knew what happened, did Adam confess?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:12 \)

Did Eve respond any better?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:13 \)

Judgment  \( (\text{Genesis } 3:14-20) \)

Beginning in reverse order, what judgment did God have for the crafty serpent?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:14 \)

Besides being unable to walk, what else was carried in the curse of crawling on its belly?  
\( \text{Leviticus } 11:41-43 \)

What judgment did God have for the woman?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:16 \)

How was this domination by man first visible?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:20 \)

What judgment did God have for the man, the one to whom He had given the command?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:17-19 \)

Promise of Grace  \( (\text{Genesis } 3:15) \)

Besides allowing mankind to live long enough to be fruitful, how did God show His grace?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:15 \)

\textit{I will put enmity between you and the woman}
\textit{and between your offspring}
\textit{and hers}
\textit{He}
\textit{will crush your head}
\textit{and you will strike his heel}

Was this promise of grace only given to mankind?  
\( \text{Romans } 8:19-21 \)

Grace Displayed  \( (\text{Genesis } 3:21-24) \)

How did God show His grace towards the shame that Adam and Eve felt?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:21 \)

What other act of God's grace is recorded in this story?  
\( \text{Genesis } 3:22-24 \)

How is this grace? It sounds like punishment being kicked out of paradise.  
\( \text{Matthew } 25:46 \)

Is this tree of life still around?  
\( \text{Revelation } 2:7 \)
Sacrificial Giving  (*Genesis 4:1-7*)

Which of Adam & Eve’s many children do we learn about in the next story?
*Genesis 4:1-2*

What do we learn about their relationships with God?
*Genesis 4:3-5*

Was God displeased with Cain’s offering since it wasn’t an animal sacrifice?
*Hebrews 11:4*

Did God explain this to Cain?
*Genesis 4:6-7*

Sin, Judgment, Grace  (*Genesis 4:8-16*)

How did Cain deal with his jealousy?
*Genesis 4:8*

Knowing what had happened, how did God give Cain the opportunity to confess his sin?
*Genesis 4:9-10*

What judgment did God have for Cain?
*Genesis 4:11-12*

How did God show His grace to Cain?
*Genesis 4:13-16*

Sons of Cain  (*Genesis 4:17-26*)

How does this story of murder relate to our lives? We would never even think of murder, right?
*1 John 3:12, 15*

How did Cain’s character continue in his descendants?
*Genesis 4:17-19* (compare 2:24)
*Genesis 4:23-24*

Closing Prayer

Response

1. How do I see Satan at work in my life deceiving me into sin?

2. When do I find myself doing things that I do not want to do?
   (*Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; James 1:13-15*)

3. What sin plagues me where I need to look to God for the way out He promised to provide?
   (*Luke 11:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Peter 2:4-9*)

4. How have consequences of my actions become apparent as God’s judgment for my sins?
   (*Joshua 7:10-13; 20-26; Romans 6:21, 23; 1 Timothy 6:9-10*)

5. How has God shown His grace to me despite my undeserving sinful nature?
   (*Job 3:27-28; Ezra 9:13; Romans 4:1-3 [Joshua 24:2-4]; Romans 6:22*)

Next Week -  *The Flood and The Tower of Babel*  (*Genesis 5 - 11*)