

Origins week 4- 10/01/23

During our sermon series called Origins we encourage you to use the book Invitation by Brian Russell. Below is a summary of the reading to accompany this week's sermon and discussion questions which you may use in your group or personal study time.

This information and Bible Project video suggestions can be found on our website at <https://www.newlifepismo.com/origins>.

READ

In the "Invitation" Book, read Chapter 3: Paradise Lost

- Day 1: The garden
- Day 2: Goodbye to eden
- Day 3: Sin – The next generations
- Day 4: Noah and the great Flood
- Day 5: Human Corruption and God's mission

In the Bible read:

- Genesis 3: 1-16
- Romans 5:12-21
- Genesis 4:1-16
- Genesis 9:8-11

Ponder

Questions for journaling or discussing with a friend or group:

- The biblical story would be radically different if Eve had immediately replied to the serpent, "Let's ask Him." How would your life have unfolded differently if you'd have done the same in moments of uncertainty and temptation?
- Do you trust that God has your best interest at heart? Do you trust that God has the best interests of the people you love in his heart?
- Of all the actions God could've taken in response to human disobedience, God chose to seek out his prized creation. How have you seen God seek after you?
- In what way do we see the brokenness of Genesis 3-5 in our world today?
- In Genesis 6:5-8 God's emotional response to human depravity is sorrow and grief. This is no portrait of an enraged god of wrath. How does OUR God differ from the other gods of the age?
- What is the good news in the story of Noah?
- Babel is the story of humanity conspiring *as a community* to thwart God's intentions for humanity...to scatter and fill the earth with his image. How does God advance his mission despite humanity's rebelliousness?
- What would it take for us to break out of these negative patterns of sin and brokenness to practice faithfulness in our day?