St John's Meads – Home Groups

The Mission of God

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God has a mission – and calls us to join in!

Week 3: God creates: a fallen world

Review:

Last week we looked at how God creates a good world, how human beings are the pinnacle of God's creation and set apart by God to have care for it. It is an idyllic picture but as we know from today's reading (Gen 3) and from our own experience of life that this was all about to change!

Discuss:

1. **The causes of the fall** (how sin enters the world)
   The first cause of sin is an act of disobedience but this comes about through deception and wrong desire.
   How does Satan use deception to undermine God's word & character?(1-6)
   Do you experience people believing God is a killjoy & how do you respond?
   Reflect on what it was Eve desired (verse 6)?
   The knowledge of good and evil is more than simply knowing right from wrong it is deciding on what is right or wrong! How do you respond to this statement?

2. **The consequences of the fall** (the impact that sin has on the world)
   In what ways are shame, fear and blame evident in our world today?

3. **The seeker of the fallen**
   Look at the questions God asks in 9-11. What is God's purpose in asking them?
   How does God provide for Adam & Eve's shame? v21
   What parallels do you see in how God provides for our shame? Read Eph 5:1-13

Other Resources:

'The hound of Heaven' by Francis Thompson captures the truth that God is the seeker of sinners.   You can access a link to Richard Burton reading the poem:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gToj6SLWz8Q

Pray: You may like to pray through the decisions asked of every person seeking to start again through the sacrament of Baptism using them as reflection and as a form of rededication: **Do**(I) reject the devil and all rebellion against God? Do (I) renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? **Do** (I) repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? **Do** (I) turn to Christ as Saviour? **Do** (I) submit to Christ as Lord? **Do** (I) come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?