



## **THE BEGINNING**

### **Genesis 1-11**

#### **The Fourfold Fallout of Sin** **Genesis 3:7-19**

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3. Inward: Sin Redefines the Self (3:7)

1. Upward: Sin Repudiates God (3:8-11)

4. Downward: Sin Ruins Creation (3:17-19)

2. Outward: Sin Ruptures Human Relationships (3:12-13)

#### **Quick Review**

1. Was there anything in the passage that challenged or encouraged you?
2. How did this passage of Scripture help you see Christ better?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read Romans 1:18-25. How does Paul describe the same pattern of exchanging God for the self or for creation? How does this deepen your understanding of sin as a “worship disorder”?
2. Look at Matthew 5:23-24. How does Jesus connect reconciliation with God to reconciliation with others?
3. Look at Matthew 22:37-39. How do the commands to love God and neighbor challenge the inward curvature caused by sin?

### **Taking It Home**

1. Are there areas of your life where you are tempted to “remake God in your own image”? How can you cultivate the habit of seeking God as he is, not as you wish him to be?
2. Reflect on the four directions of sin’s fallout: upward, outward, inward, downward. Where have you experienced Christ’s restoration in each of these areas?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to experience Christ’s renewal in your relationships, self-perception, or interaction with creation?