

Here are elements of the 'teaching' time.

God could have made automated robots... Didn't. Decided to make us free will creatures with choice. Adam & Eve had one thing not to do, but they did that one thing.

Plunged all of us into bad place... Take a look.

1. Naked and no shame. (Gen 2:25)
 - Gen 3:7 made clothes for themselves.
 - * Out of our 'shame', we've been covering ourselves ever since.
2. God walked w/ them in cool of day.
 - (Gen 3:8) now hiding from God.
 - * We still hide!
3. Adam and Eve get along and enjoy each other.
 - Gen 3:12 Adam blames Eve.
 - * Now have fights, qualrells, rivalries, and envy all around (in) us.
4. Given beautiful garden to tend to. (relation to creation)
 - Gen 3:23 banished from it.
 - * Global warming, ozone breakdown, depleted soil, concrete, weeds, etc...

discussion time.

- I. Personal shame: (Gen 3:7)
 - In what ways do we 'cover ourselves' today?
 - When was the last time you were 'vulnerable' with someone?
 - Why is this so hard for us?
 - What do you think God wants to do with us related to our 'personal shame'?
- II. Hiding from God: (Gen 3:8)
 - Why do think Adam and Eve hid from God?
 - Why does sin make us feel guilty? Explain.
 - In what ways do we hide from God today?
 - What do you think God wants to do with us in this area?
- III. Blaming each other: (Gen 3:12)
 - Did Adam eat of the fruit or not?
 - Then why do you think Adam blames Eve?
 - How do you see this playing out today?
 - What are some things you have blamed others for instead of taking responsibility yourself?
 - What do you think God wants to do with us in this area?

IV. Banished from the Garden: (Gen 3:23)

- In what ways do you think The Garden of Eden was different than Akron?
- What about this upsets you the most?
- Do you ever feel alienated from creation? How so?
- What do you think God wants to do with us as 'rulers over creation' in the post-fall era?