



Genesis 3:1-10; Ephesians 5:21-33| Week 2| 6/15/14

1. Read Genesis 3:1-10. From the text, what are the ways in which men may sin and fail to fulfill their biblical roles?
2. Why do you think it is so tempting for both men and women to shirk responsibility? How is selfishness at the core of both abuse of authority and defiance of authority? How do these sins show our lack of trust in God? How would an understanding and affirmation of both mankind's responsibility and God's sovereignty help combat these sins?
3. Provide some examples. How does our contemporary culture tend to shape us into its conceptions of manhood and womanhood?
4. Man's primary responsibility is to lead. How can a man fulfill his duties to protect and provide for his wife and family? How can all men do these two things in the context of the church body?
5. Men are to exhibit leadership in many areas. How can men lead in spiritual devotion? In marriage? In parenting? In mission? In the church? In decisions and disagreements?
6. How can men show boys how to be men? How can women show girls how to be women?
7. When making decisions in the family, how can men initiate and lead while still affirming the gifting and dignity of their wives? How can women submit but still ensure they are ultimately taking responsibility for their actions before Christ?
8. What does biblical manhood mean for making disciples in all nations, even difficult places? What does biblical womanhood mean for making disciples in all nations?
9. What are common distractions for men that keep them from leading? How can these be dealt with? What are common ways in which women can be deceived about their biblical roles? How can these be dealt with?
10. Knowing that all of us struggle with sin, what hope does the gospel offer us in regard to biblical manhood and womanhood? How can God's forgiveness in Christ lead us to forgive others? How does the gospel give us hope for tomorrow?
11. Pray.