1. The Bible is not a random collection of morality tales but a series of true accounts carefully selected to unfold God’s eternal plan of redemption. Explain why the events of Genesis 3 make such a perfect opening to the Bible, with its great gospel theme of salvation through Christ alone.

2. What are some common experiences that God uses to remind humans that they were not originally made to live in a fallen, “groaning” world (Romans 8:20–22)? Consider fairy tale endings (“and they lived happily ever after”). Why are they so appealing?

3. Genesis 3 contrasts the first sinners’ and God’s methods of covering sin. What do the differences tell us about human nature versus God’s nature?

4. In what ways did Jesus Christ fulfill the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 (see Hebrews 2:14–15)?

5. In the Old Testament, names were an embodiment of a person’s character. How was the name Woman appropriate for Adam’s wife? How was her new name, Eve, also appropriate?

6. Why was it merciful for God to pass a death sentence on mankind and drive Adam and Eve from the garden?

7. Read the two passages where Paul refers to Adam in his description of salvation (Romans 5:12–19 and 1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 15:46–49). Why does Adam need to be a historical individual for Christ’s work as the “Last Adam” to be meaningful?