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Week 3 – What's in a Name?

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## INTRODUCTION:

"This is the book of the generations of Adam..." (Genesis 5:1)

## CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL OF HUMANITY:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S IMAGE IN US

"When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness." (5:3)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE LIFE THAT WAS IN US

"...and then he died...and then he died...and then he died..." (vs. 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31)

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ OF FAITH TO BE NECESSARY

"Enoch walked (by faith\*) with God" (5:22, 24)

\* see Hebrews 11:5-6

## THE BIG IDEA:

What's in a name? Everything! You are either in "Adam" or you are in "Jesus". These are the only two possible names identifying your spiritual genealogy. Which one are you in? You were first born into Adam. Have you been re-born into Christ?

## **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS OR PERSONAL REFLECTION**

### **PERSONAL LIFE:**

1. When you were a child, what was your concept of "sin"? How has your understanding changed as you have matured in your faith? Be specific.

### **PONDERINGS:**

2. Prior to the weekend message, had you ever thought about the fact that there are really only TWO men pictured in the Bible (Adam and Jesus) – and do you understand the significance of this reality? Discuss...
3. In the message, it was mentioned that we have inherited a "defaced" image of God within us. Theologians refer to this as "depravity." What is your understanding of the "depravity" of mankind? Discuss...
4. All Bible-believing Christians agree that death is a chief consequence of the Fall of humanity. Some say that this death is so literal that unsaved people do not have the ability to respond to the Gospel without God's sovereign assistance. Others believe that unsaved people can – in and of their own free will – respond positively in faith to the Gospel message. Just for fun, respectfully share about your personal beliefs on this issue....
5. One of the common questions people ask about the Bible is "where did Cain get his wife?" Have you wrestled with that question? Does the genealogy of Genesis 5 provide any help in answering this question? Discuss....
6. In the weekend message, several ideas were presented to suggest that God remains completely in charge of human history – while also allowing for humans to make legitimate choices of their will. How should this reality affect your daily outlook on life – if at all?
7. The over-arching premise from the message is that we are either in the family of Adam or the family of Jesus. How does being in the family of Jesus negate the curse of being in the family of Adam? How does it impact you to know that so many people remain in Adam rather than in Christ?

### **PROMPTINGS:**

8. In the week ahead – try to identify one person in your life whom you regularly work with, live with or play with who is still “in Adam” rather than “in Christ.” Be on the lookout for one specific way that you can share the message of God’s grace with them.
9. Close your time in prayer together as a group...