

Garden >>> City

Chapter 3-4

May 15, 2022

Genesis 3:1 "...Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

vs.5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, *and you will be like God*, knowing both good and evil."

vs.11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked..."

Who will we listen to? The God of all truth
or the father of lies?

vs.14-19 - the curse of choosing our own way is presented

-shame, hostility, pain, control, ruling over, cursed ground, sweat, and death all enter the world

vs.21 "And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife."

Genesis 4 - The Story of Cain and Abel

vs.3-5 "When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. Abel also brought a gift-the best of the firstborn lambs..."

God desires "**our first, our best**". It's never just about giving "**some**" of what we have to God, it's about what happens in our hearts towards Him.

vs.9 "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The first death of humanity is one at our own hands, yet we so often blame God for the tragedies of this world.

Who are you listening to in your life? God or the liar?

Are we acting in the image of God as our brother's keeper?

READ TOGETHER IN 2022 Read with our NTC Family It is not too late to start! Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan for 2022. **Or pick up a paper copy of the plan in the lobby!**

WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET **Stop by for refreshments!** Stop by the welcome room after the service to receive a welcome gift and chat with members of one of our house churches.

WINTER ITEMS COLLECTION FOR NYC **Drop off at the church!** We are collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and socks.

BOTTLE DRIVE **over \$400 collected so far!** Drop your bottles and cans off at the Orvis Street Retrieval Center for the "NTC Gulu Fundraiser" to donate funds toward our youth trip to Uganda this summer.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **6pm Tonight!** 7th-12th graders gather tonight to dive into Luke 15 with the story about a Father and His two sons.

BRIDGE **Thursday at 6pm** 5th-7th graders are invited to the last Bridge gathering for the school year.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY **Friday at 9am** We come together every week to pray for our nation.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP **Friday & Saturday** Grow musically and learn about worship on Friday night and Saturday morning. Register on our website or the ChurchCenter App!

MEN'S PRAYER **Saturday at 8am** Gather with other men every Saturday morning to connect and pray together.

coming up....

WATER BAPTISM SUNDAY **May 22nd** We believe Water Baptism is about letting go of your past and diving into all God has for your future. Jesus did it and commissioned us to do it as well. We can't wait to celebrate this powerful step with you. Sign up in the lobby or on the ChurchCenter App.

EVANGELISM SEMINAR IN SARANAC LAKE **May 28th** Join us at High Peaks Church from 9am-noon as Marc Estes encourages us and equips us to share our faith with our family, friends, and neighbors.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER **June 5th** Get your car washed during the service for just \$10 to help fund the youth trip to Uganda this summer!

LOVE MASSENA WEEK **July 11th-17th** We are looking forward to our annual Vacation Bible School, Love Massena, and our Family Fun Day!

CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP **August 15th-19th** Our teens are headed back to Cape Cod this summer! Save the date!