

Creating A New Community  
 "Community Busters"  
 Genesis 3-11

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Genesis 1:16-17

The offer of **freedom**

I. Adam and Eve

A. How temptation works: Tactics of the enemy

- He **twists** the truth (3:1)
- He wants us to see God as more **severe** than he is. (3:2-3)
- He attacks our **vulnerable** spots and **isolates** us (2:16)
- He wants us to fixate on **sin** (3:6ab)
- He entices us to **invite** others into our sin (3:6c)

B. The consequences of sin

- The **imago Dei** is marred (3:7)
- **Shame**
- **Allienation**
- **Fear**
- **Blame**
- **Pain**

C. God's Grace Notes

- The promise of the coming of **Jesus** (3:15)
- He made **garments** of skin by shedding the first **blood** (3:21)

II. Cain and Abel

- The Law of Firstfruits: **the first born belongs to God.**
- Abel gave **fat portions** from the first born
- Cain envies his brother's **spiritual status**
- God invites Cain to come into **the light**
- The mark of Cain is a reminder of Cain's **sin** but also of **divine protection**

III. The Days of Noah

- God's good plan has been destroyed: "**And God saw**" (6:12)
- One bright spot: Noah **walked with God**

IV. The Tower of Babel

- The folly of **human arrogance** (11:4)
- East was the place of **danger, hostility, loss of community, enemies**




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READING PLAN:

Complete Track

Monday - Genesis 12-15; Psalm 5

Tuesday - Genesis 16-18

Wednesday - Genesis 19-21; Psalm 6

Thursday - Genesis 22-24

Friday - Genesis 25-26; Psalm 7

Weekend - Genesis 27-31; Psalm 8

Fast Track

1st Reading - Genesis 3; Psalm 32

2nd Reading - Genesis 4; Psalm 10

3rd Reading - Genesis 6; 8-9; Psalm 14