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Section: Doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology)

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q38. What happened to the rest of creation because of sin?**

Creation is cursed and broken because of sin. It does not function in the “good” way in which God created it.

1. Read Romans 8:18-22
   1. Why does God subject the creation to futility?
2. Adam failed to keep God’s command and thus plunged all of creation into futility. “Sin will always take you further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.
   1. How has your sin taken you further than you wanted to go?
3. The creation works, but it does not work in the “good” way in which God created it. Share a few examples in your daily life how this is true.
4. Read Genesis 5:28-29
   1. In God’s common grace, He gives men and women the ability to have technological advance.
   2. There is a temptation in our culture to take these things for granted, do you rightly see these technological advances as God’s mercy upon mankind?
   3. Do we deserve his common grace? Yes or no? Why?
5. How is Noah a type of Christ?
6. How can God’s curse on creation be a positive reality for God’s people?
7. Why is it good news that Christ took on flesh in the incarnation and was “made like his brothers in every respect”? Reference Hebrews 2:14-18
8. We are afflicted, perplexed, persecuted and struck down. But we do not succumb to being crushed, despairing, being forsaken or destroyed. Why? Reference 2 Corinthians 8-12
   1. According to this passage, what does it mean to be given over to death for Jesus’ sake?
9. Are you tempted to see non-Christians worldviews as more attractive than the Christian worldview? Yes or no? Why? What can be attractive about non-Christian worldviews?
10. Read Matthew 10 34-38
    1. Christians will live out our days in this cursed land as elect exiles. Should we be surprised when there is division and difficulty? Yes or No. Why?
    2. How can we encourage each other through these trials?