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Far as the Curse is Found

Genesis 3:15-19
Romans 5:12-19
Romans 8:19-24

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Small Group and Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 2:15

"For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing,"

Daily Reading Plan:

- Day 1 Genesis 3:15-19
- Day 2 Romans 5:12-19
- Day 3 Romans 8:19-24
- Day 4 II Corinthians 2:14-17
- Day 5 II Corinthians 5:11-21

1. Where and how do you see people living under the power and presence of the Curse today?

The Bible teaches that Christ came to destroy the works of the devil and lift the curse of sin. Read the following passages: Ephesians 1:10, 1:20-22, Colossians 2:13-15, Matthew 25:34

2. Is God's plan to restore, redeem and reconcile mankind a "Plan B," or is this what He intended all along?

3. If the Curse has been lifted, why do so many still live as if it's still around?

4. We hear of many plans and devices available to us that promise to reverse the signs of aging, rid us of disease and pain, make us happier and more fulfilled; restore our bodies to their youthful appearance. Why? Where does all this come from?

Putting it into practice: becoming "agents" of blessing in God's redemptive plan

Look at the following passages that name who or what we are called to be in God's plan of redemption. Discuss briefly the function of each role mentioned (i.e.: what does an ambassador do? How are we the "fragrance of Christ")

II Cor. 2:15, II Cor. 5:18, II Cor. 5:20, I Peter 2:9

This week, who will you…

- **"Touch"** in Jesus' name – who do you know that is "untouchable" or has been touched by the Curse?
- **"Speak"** to in Jesus' name – do you know of someone who needs to hear the good news of the Curse being lifted. Do you need to speak to someone in a more redemptive way?
- **"See"** through the eyes of Christ – Who does no one see? Who needs you to be the eyes of Christ and to look upon them with grace or see them as they could be in Christ, not just who they are?