

## 2007-08 BSP#4 Group Time Discussion

*L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.*

### (A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for Reflection and Discussion (Time available: 20 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.)

1. [L] Having listened to Adam and Eve’s excuses, what was the first judgment God pronounced? (Read Gen 3:14.) Why did He response to Adam and Eve’s disobedience by cursing the serpent?
2. [M] In Genesis 3:14-15, the beginning of the Scripture, we are given God’s pronouncement against the serpent. Where in the Scripture can we find the fulfillment of this pronouncement? (Read Revelation 12:7-12)
3. [H] Who else, other than Jesus, “will strike at [Satan’s] head”? (Read Romans 16:20, Revelation 12:11)

### (B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Question(s) for Group Meditation and Prayer (Suggested time: 15 minutes)

Although Adam and Eve **could not see** God, they had His Word of commandment and many evidences of His goodness. The **visible** serpent and the **easily observed** appeal of the forbidden fruit were challenges to them, but they could have counted **the invisible truth** as the one that mattered most.

- Now put Adam and Eve’s failure in the context of your daily life. Share with your group members one instance where you made the same mistake, i.e. you had no faith in God just because He was “not visible”. You were not sure He was there and would be there to see you through your difficulty even though evidences of His goodness were all around you.
- Group facilitator to close the discussion with a brief prayer, asking God to give you strength to resist the inclination to trust only what you can see; ask Him to help you recognize His love for you even when it comes in a form that frightens you, i.e. in the form of suffering.
- Say Hail Mary once to end the prayer.