



SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 1 July 7, 2024
"Barbie"



OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come to you today with all humility, praise, and thanksgiving. We ask for your guidance so that we may never let an opportunity to grow to pass us by. We also ask that you fill our hearts with love for one another as you have intended. We pray in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Genesis 3:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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INTRODUCTION

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. So where does this movie point to scripture?

Barbie Land is an analog for the Garden of Eden. And just like Adam and Eve, the Barbies live in a perfect world until forbidden knowledge becomes known. And unlike the perfect world in Barbie Land, the real world is not perfect. The real world is filled with deceitfulness, resentment, corporate greed and sexism among other ills. And just like humankind, Barbie and Ken must search for their purpose in an imperfect world. And, just like Barbie, we cannot really understand our purpose until we speak with our creator, because our purpose in life cannot be found without God. God is our creator and has a plan for each of us. So... what is your purpose in life?

QUESTIONS

1. Have you seen the Barbie movie? What are your thoughts on the movie?
2. In the sermon Pastor Eric said "Barbie Land is an analog for the Garden of Eden." What similarities do you see? Do you believe God will restore paradise one day?
3. Do you think there is still inequality in our culture for women? If so, what are some examples of women not being treated the same as men in our culture? How should Christians respond to inequality?
4. Throughout the Barbie movie, Ken and Barbie are in search of their purpose in life. As Christians we know that our purpose cannot be found separate from God. God has created us and has a purpose for our lives. What would you say is your purpose in life?
5. In the Barbie movie, Barbie's creator says "Humans only have one ending. Ideas live forever." Do you have a fear of death? What gives you hope in the face of death?

FINAL APPLICATION

This week, share with someone a spiritual truth reflected in the Barbie movie.