

# God's Mercy in the Midst of Judgment



**Big Idea:** Even in judgment, God promises mercy and hope.

**Primary Text:** Genesis 3:15

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 3:15

## Adults — Community Group (60 Minutes)

### God's Mercy in the Midst of Judgment

#### CONNECT — 0–10 Minutes

**Purpose:** Reorient hearts toward hope after Week 5.

**Opening Question (Choose one):**

- Where do you tend to look for hope when life feels broken?
- Why do you think people struggle to believe God is merciful after failure?

Keep answers brief and relational.

#### ENCOUNTER — 10–20 Minutes

**Purpose:** Let the promise speak clearly.

##### Scripture Reading

**Scripture (BSB): Genesis 3:15**

**15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. ”

##### Observation Questions:

- Who is speaking in this verse?
- Who is the promise directed toward?
- What future outcome does God declare?

Resist interpretation at first — stay with the text.

---

## **ANCHOR — 20–40 Minutes**

**Purpose:** Understand mercy within judgment.

### **Teaching Summary**

Genesis 3:15 is spoken in the middle of consequences. God does not deny sin, but He does not abandon humanity. Instead, He announces that evil will ultimately be defeated.

This verse shows us:

- God initiates redemption
- Mercy appears before repentance
- Hope is declared, not earned

This is not the fulfillment of redemption — it is the **promise** of it.

### **Discussion Questions**

- Why is it significant that God speaks this promise before Adam or Eve respond?
- How does this verse reshape how we understand God's character?
- Why do we often assume judgment means the absence of mercy?

---

## **RESPOND — 40–55 Minutes**

**Purpose:** Personal trust and lived hope.

### **Reflection Questions**

- Where do you need to trust God's promise rather than your circumstances?
- How does this verse challenge shame or despair in your life?
- What does it look like to live as someone shaped by God's promise?

Invite (not require) sharing.

---

## **SEND — 55–60 Minutes**

### **Weekly Practice**

This week, when you are tempted to despair or self-condemnation, return to God's promise rather than your performance.

### **Closing Prayer**

Merciful God, thank You for speaking hope into brokenness. Help us trust Your promises, wait on Your work, and live with confidence in Your mercy. Amen.

---

Manna Curriculum — year-one / week-06 / adults

Dedicated to the public domain. Support at [curriculum.gathermanna.com/support](http://curriculum.gathermanna.com/support)

