



## deovox group study guide

### No eating from this tree: Genesis 2.4-17

1. ***In Genesis, God works to create an environment in which humankind can flourish.*** What does this tell us about the character of God?

2. ***I know I'm supposed to hate humans, but there's something about them. They don't just survive: they discover, they create.*** How do you respond to this quote from Remy, the rat? In what ways do we reflect God in our own creativity? Discuss in the group how each person views their own creativity.

3. ***Doomsday as a vision of chaos.*** To what extent have we regressed back into chaos in our society?

4. ***He's telling his readers that God's preoccupation is not with death. But with life. With morality, not mortality.*** Do we live lives that reflect a desperation to avoid death? Or are we more concerned about morality, how to live good lives? What happens when we're focused more on avoiding death than living good lives?

5. ***To pursue wisdom in the absence of revelation is to assert our own independence.*** Discuss what this statement means. Is there a danger of anti-intellectualism here? What is the correct balance between the seeking for wisdom and a reliance on revelation? Or do they go together?