

EXTRACT 3: The Fall

Take a newspaper, share out the pages among yourselves and, using highlighter pens of different colours, mark where the story, picture, articles, advertisement or even TV listings indicates or reflects this 'marring' of relationships.

For instance, use:

- Pink – for broken relationship with God (for instance a story of religion being used to cause animosity within an ethnically mixed community);
- Blue – with each other, (for instance, a film or advert which misuses sexuality);
- Green – with the (non-human) world (for instance a photograph indicative of environmental pollution).

OR

Reflect on, or in a group discuss, the ways in which technology or the arts misuses, or is misused by these three different levels of distortion. For instance:

- With God – A picture which uses the 'divine authority' to subdue people (think of some medieval paintings) or as a motivation for violence (perhaps a contemporary cartoon);
- With each other – using technology for military weapons or mobile phones for "happy slapping";
- With the (non-human) world – damaging the environment – (consider the litter impact of polythene).

OR

Talk together about where these three levels of 'marring' can be seen in your community. Then arrange for two people to video the evidence and bring it to the group next week. (Alternatively take digital photos and compile a short Power Point presentation.) You could also discuss how you

could use this video (or Power Point) to challenge the church to pray for these issues.