



Series: Dealing with Temptation

Passage Genesis 4

Title: The DNA of Temptation

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Discussion Starter

If we as humans are God's highest creation, what role does our genetics play in our ability to properly discern and deal with the temptations that are common to mankind?

Giving In to Temptation

- What are some of the ramifications to God's plans for us when we give in to temptation?
- How should we properly view temptation to see it for what it really is? What are some of the deceptive slogans and phrases you commonly hear that seem to justify giving into sinful desires?
- Describe in your own words what you think Adam and Eve's life's were like before they fell into temptation and sin? What lessons can we learn from their fall?

The DNA of Temptation (Genesis 3)

- Who is the first character that is introduced in chapter 3? How is he described and what does this description of him mean to us?
- Do you think Adam and Eve had any previous knowledge of the serpent? Why or why not? Why do you think God allow this to happen? Read John 10:10 and 1 Peter 5:8. Discuss what addition insights we gain from these verses as it relates to the serpent introduced in Genesis 3:1.
- What is the first tactic we see the serpent using on Eve and why is this so important for us see?
- What picture of God was the serpent trying to get Eve to buy into and what was the truth? How is this tactic still being used today and in what context?
- What did God's withholding of the one tree in the garden represent? How does this truth apply to us today?
- Explain the significance of the philosophical temptation by the serpent which precedes the physical temptation he offers to Eve. Describe how you see this being carried out in our society today?
- How does the serpent respond to Eve's declaration of God's word? Why is this important to us in the world we live in today? What claim is the serpent making? Read John 8:44. What truth is revealed in this verse about Satan?
- What are some of the lies we see in today's world that are being proliferated against God's word?
- What verse in Genesis 3 describes the DNA or root of temptation that Satan uses to get Eve to fully buy into this sin? How do we see this same thing being manifested in our country today?
- What happened when Eve and Adam ate from the forbidden fruit? How did God respond and what type of response do you think He was looking for from both of them?
- Describe the context for the first revelation of gospel message contained in Genesis 3?