

Discussion Starter – Why is Genesis 3 one of the most important chapters in the entire bible? What were some of the most surprising insights you gained from this message that you had not thought about before?

God Calls Out to Adam (Genesis 3:9-13)

- What purpose did God originally create the Garden of Eden for?
- What was the token of Adam and Eve's relationship with God? What is essential in a relationship for real, genuine fellowship to take place?
- What tone of voice do you think God had when He asked Adam if he had eaten from the forbidden tree? What do we learn about Adam by how responds to God? What did he miss?
- What are the two common things that Adam and Eve expressed to God that we are also prone to doing in our own relationships? Why is this so, and how should they have responded? Read Romans 3:10-11 and 2 Corinthians 7:10. Discuss the insights gained from these passages.
- How has this sermon cause you to ponder how your sin affects God? Do you think of God as someone who doesn't really have feelings or do you think of Him as a broken hearted Father who is wondering if you care that you sinned against Him?

Revelation of God's Redemptive Plan (Gen 3: 14-15, 21)

- What was the progressive order of how God chose to impart the consequences to each party for their sinful acts? Do you think the order is significant or not? Why?
- What do you think the animal (the serpent) might have looked like before the fall? Why?
- What imagery does the bible want to convey about the fall of the serpent as it pertains to the future of Satan? Read Isaiah 14: 12-17, Roman's 16:20. What do these passages reveal?
- Why is Satan now called the ruler of this world? What does the Bible say will happen to him? Revelation 20:1-3 and 20:10. How does the bible depict the contrast of Jesus' rule to Satan's?
- What gives the enemy power over our lives as believers now?
- Read verse 15: What is significant about God putting enmity between Satan and the woman?
- Read Colossians 1:19-22. What does that reveal to you about the fulfilled promise of Gen 3:14-15?
- How did Satan try to crush Jesus' heel? In what was does Satan strike our heel? How can we combat his strikes?
- Read verse 21: What was significant that transpired in verse 21? What does that say about the seriousness and necessary punishment for sin?
- How is man unique in all creation over every other created being?