

### Adam & Eve: The Fall

*“And the Lord God... made trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”*  
Genesis 2:9

#### **Read Genesis 2:4-3:24**

1. If you could have a picture of just one scene in this story (Ch. 2), what would it be and why?
  - a) God forming Adam out of the dust.
  - b) The unspoiled Garden of Eden.
  - c) God bringing the animals to Adam.
  - d) Adam and Eve seeing each other for the first time.

#### **Read Genesis 3:1-6**

2. What was it about the “tree” that they just couldn't resist? How might a modern person experience a similar temptation? What makes you succumb to taking the “fruit” off the tree? Why did God allow them to be tempted?
  
3. What are some clever, subtle words of temptation that you have heard or maybe even said? Example: “You won't surely die” or “I can handle it.”
  
4. As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit to help us resist the Serpent and forsake the sins of Adam and Eve. Read Luke 4:1-13, Romans 8:5-13 and 1 John 1:8-10. List the ways we can respond to the Spirit's offer to help. Share which of these ways has helped you to resist the Serpent.

5. See Genesis 3:1. The crafty Serpent said, “Did God really say, ‘you must not eat from any tree in the Garden?’” From reading Psalm 19:7-14, what is the proper response to such a question?
  
6. Whom did the Serpent represent in tempting mankind to rebel against God’s will? From John 8:44 and Matthew 13:19, what are some things about the Devil that show Christ considered him a person..

**Read Genesis 3:14-24**

7. What was the curse God placed on each of the following:
  - a) The Serpent.
  - a) Eve
  - b) Adam
  - c) The earth
  
8. What happened to the man and woman because of their sin? How were their lives’ tasks different from their original state? Compare Genesis 1:21-28, 2:15 and 2:18-25.

**Challenge Question**

9. What sacrifice had to be made before Adam and Eve could be suitably clothed by God? See Genesis 3:21. How does this introduce the symbolic sacrifice for sin in the Old Testament?

**Personal to Pray About – Share with the group if you wish**

10. When do you feel most “naked” before God? How does this help you understand Adam and Eve’s reaction?