

LIFEGROUPS

Adam & Eve: What Went Wrong? – 1/5/25

Opening Question(s):

1. If you had the opportunity to name your wife, what you would name her? Why? (see Genesis 3v20)

Simple Sermon Summary:

The central story of Adam and Eve's lives is the central story of our lives, and ultimately the cause of ALL the problems we have had, have, and will ever have: We believe lies, act on lies, and give birth to sin.

Message Scripture:

Genesis 3v1-7 – The nature of sin

Genesis 3v8-13 – Our instinctive response to our sin

Genesis 3v16-19 – The devastating consequences of our sin

Genesis 2v16-17 – God's command to Adam regarding the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Genesis 3v21-24 – Death and dismissal

Genesis 3v14-15 – The only cure for our sin

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out from Sunday's message?
2. Why do we create new names for sin? (mistake, screw up, mess up)
3. Do you think you would have performed better than Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden under the same circumstances? Why? Why not?
4. Why is it dangerous to add to or take away from the Bible?
 - a. What was the danger in Eve adding the words, "... and you must not touch it" to God's command? (GEN3v3)
 - b. Where do you tend to add to what God has said?
5. How did the serpent create doubt and disbelief in Eve? (see 1 John 2v15-17)
6. In what areas of your life do you tend to disbelieve God's intentions towards you?
7. The three most common ways we respond to sin are hiding, blame-shifting, and religious activity...
 - a. Which of these three do you find yourself practicing the most? Why?
 - b. What usually keeps you from running to God for forgiveness when you sin?
8. Do you think the punishment fit the crime committed by Adam and Eve against God? Why/Why not?
9. What similarities (if any) do you see between the first Adam and the second Adam (Jesus)?
10. Why is understanding this story essential to understanding the problem of evil in the world (why do bad things happen to good people)?