

4. People Disobey God (Genesis 3:1-13)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the **Group Guidelines**?

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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1The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” **2**“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. **3**“It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” **4**“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. **5**“God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” **6**The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. **7**At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. **8**When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the lord God among the trees. **9**Then the lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” **10**He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” **11**“Who told you that you were naked?” the lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” **12**The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” **13**Then the lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

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Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?