



Look Up

- If there's one chapter that summarizes all of the Bible, The Story of God and Us, it must be Genesis 3. There, we are reminded of the creation and learn that God wants to live in a close relationship with everyone. We also discover that we have an enemy who lives to convince us that we can't really trust God. We see temptation, the first sin, and the consequences of sin. And we also come to know that God, in spite of mankind's rebellion, doesn't walk away. He always comes after us and does for us what we can't do for ourselves. That's the whole story! And it's all there in one chapter.
- Read Genesis 3 together one or two times. Pair up, and practice telling the story of the chapter to one another in your own words.

What stood out to you from this chapter? What did you like? What is challenging or difficult to understand?

- Describe a time when you most felt that everything was right with the world. What was good about it?
- The serpent's tactic is pretty simple: call into question the goodness of God. How does he use that tactic today?

- Can you relate at all to Eve and to Adam in this chapter? In what ways?
- Three lies appear in this chapter: #1 - You know better than God. #2 - Your sin is really no big deal. #3 - Now your sin defines you. How have you fallen for these lies? Which lie do you think is especially effective? Why?

What does this passage say about God? What does it say about us?

- From this chapter, what is God's response to our sin? What seems to be his emotional or relational response?
- How do Adam and Eve respond to their sin and their eyes being opened? What are some ways we try to hide and cover ourselves?

Look Ahead

- Take a few minutes to reflect quietly on what you have discussed.
- If Genesis 3 is true, how would knowing and believing this part of God's story change your life?
- Is there anything you feel God is asking you to change as a result of this passage and your discussion?
- Who can you share this passage with this week?
- Take a few minutes to pray for one another