



## Journey Group Lesson for "The Story of Sin" - February 28, 2010

### Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

Think about a time when you were betrayed. How did that make you feel?

### Digging Deeper

Use your imagination to describe what you *think* the Garden of Eden might have been like . . . what was the temperature? Was there snow? Were there mountains? Were there bugs? Did Adam and Eve sweat?

Read Genesis 2:9, 15-16. What were the names of the trees God put in the Garden? What did God say to Adam about the trees? What did God say would happen if Adam ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? Why do you think God placed this tree in the Garden? Why do you think God risked betrayal? (*Leader help: God gave Adam and Eve a choice to follow Him. He desired love. Love cannot be forced.*)

Read Genesis 3:1-7. Who was the serpent? (*Leader help: It is widely believed to be Satan - Read Revelation 12:7-9 for more clarification.*) Which portion of the serpent's statements (vs. 1, 4, 5) are true and which are false (compare 3:5; 3:22; 5:5)? What did God actually say (see Genesis 2:9, 16, 17)? How does this compare with Eve's answers? Why do you think the serpent mixes the truth with lies?

Read Genesis 3:7-13. How does the relationship between God and Adam and Eve change compared to the way it was in Genesis 2? How does the relationship change between Adam and Eve change? Can you sense the betrayal God felt in verse 13? How do you think God felt? (*Leader help: see also Ephesians 4:30 for another example of God grieving over our sin.*)

What did Adam and Eve do in response to their sin (see verse 8)? Why do you think they hid from God? What happened to their relationship with God and with one another?

### Bringing It Home

The Story of Sin is not so much about breaking rules as it is about breaking relationships. How does this affect your understanding of sin? How have you seen the effects of this broken relationship with God and others in your own life?

Next week we will look at the Story of Jesus. How does Jesus fix our relationship with God? Why then do we still try to hide our sin from God?

What God wants more than anything is for us to be honest with ourselves and with Him about our sin. What would it take for you to get honest with God and others about the sin in your life? Are you ready to take these steps?

How can others in the group pray for you?

Homework - Read John 3 and Romans 5 before Sunday March 7th. (*Leader help: mention the "Digging Deeper" worksheet.*)