

Study Questions

Read Gen. 3:7-13

Observation

1. After Adam and Eve ate the fruit, what was the very first thing they became aware of, and what were their responses?
2. When God called out to Adam, what reason did Adam give for hiding?
3. How did both Adam and Eve respond when God questioned them about their actions?

Interpretation

1. What does Adam and Eve's immediate awareness of their nakedness reveal about the change that took place in their relationship with God?
2. According to the sermon, why is the knowledge of good and evil, when separated from God, considered a "corrupted" conscience? How does this affect our ability to discern right from wrong?
3. The sermon described blame-shifting as a persistent effect of the fall. Why do people find it so difficult to take responsibility for their actions and how does this impact relationships with God and others?
4. The message emphasized that only Christ can truly cover our shame. What does it mean to let God "cover" you, and how is this different from trying to cover yourself?

Application

1. The message said that our own attempts to cover our shame—through good deeds, excuses, or denial—are always inadequate. Can you identify any "fig leaves" you use to cover up your mistakes or weaknesses? What would it look like to let Christ cover you instead?
2. The sermon challenged us to lead others with grace rather than condemnation when they fall. Is there someone in your life who needs your patience and gentle truth right now? How can you be a voice of grace to them this week?
3. The idea of a "corrupted conscience" means we can't always trust our own sense of right and wrong. Are there areas where you've realized your moral compass was off? How can you invite the Holy Spirit to "rewrite" God's law on your heart?
4. The sermon described "existential guilt"—a deep, often unspoken sense of brokenness in our relationship with God. Have you ever felt this kind of guilt or longing for connection? How did you respond, and what role did Christ play in your journey?
5. When you hear God's question, "Where are you?"—how do you honestly answer? If you're hiding from God altogether or have hidden areas of your life from him, what would it look like to respond to God's invitation to walk with Him in a more authentic way this week?