

◀◀ Look Back

Care

- Share something positive that happened this week that you are thankful for. What was good or what was difficult?
- How are you and your family?
- Share recent highlights and testimonies about your use of time this week:
 - Reading your bible
 - Answers to prayer
 - Share your faith
 - Sharing the gospel
 - Training other disciples
- Pray and thank God for what has been shared

Accountability

- Did you fulfill the goal you set for yourself from the last session?
- How did you practically apply what you learned from last week's lesson?



Look Up *(Added questions for more guided conversation)*

Questions About the Text

1) What does the serpent's question in verse 1 reveal about how doubt is introduced into our relationship with God? (Genesis 3:1)

2) How does Eve's response to the serpent show both accuracy and distortion of God's original command? (Genesis 3:2-3)

3) What were the three things Eve saw in the tree that led her to eat, and how do those desires still impact our decisions today? (Genesis 3:6)

4) After Adam and Eve sinned, what changed about how they viewed themselves and God? (Genesis 3:7–10)

5) In verses 11–13, how does blame-shifting show up in Adam and Eve’s responses? What does that say about human nature? (Genesis 3:11–13)

Questions About the Sermon

1) Tyler said, “Knowing who you’re in a conversation with clarifies the conversation that you’re having.” How do you discern the source of the voices influencing your thoughts?

2) The sermon pointed out that conversations with the serpent lead us out of our design. Where in your life do you feel that pull away from God’s purpose?

4) Tyler drew a contrast between temporary solutions (fig leaves) and eternal grace (God’s provision). Where do you tend to rely on short-term fixes instead of God’s lasting provision?

5) The message emphasized that “Jesus gets us, he guides us, and he’s got us.” Which of those three do you find hardest to trust right now—and why?

The sermon described the serpent as “crafty” and deceptive, while God asks clarifying questions. How can asking better questions lead you back toward God’s design?

Questions from the Book

1) "To blame others and eventually God" . . . Sin leads to two choices: 1) We can play the "victim card" and rationalize that our choices, that have led to guilt/shame, are the responsibility of others; or 2) we can own our sinful choices, which will allow us to completely experience the full extent of God's love, mercy, and grace. Do you have experience playing the victim card with your sin? Do you ever revert back to this pattern of responding to your guilt/shame, and if so, why do you think this is still sometimes your response?

2) Is there an aspect (or aspects) of your life that you have not allowed God to be the sole determiner of what is viewed as right or wrong, good or bad regarding this? Write it (or them) down and allow this to lead you to a repentant conversation with Him about it. If you immediately thought of something that brought any kind of feeling of shame or guilt, do not dismiss it or rationalize it away. Remember, shame/guilt can be as constructive as it is destructive, and it can be used by the Holy Spirit to lead to repentance, or if dismissed may send you into further hiding.

Look Forward *(Added challenges if your group is ready for more)*

Vision

- Regular reminder of our responsibility to apply what we have learned and to reach the lost.

Weekly Goal

- Set one measurable goal with a timeline that you will commit to. What is one component of the lesson that you feel led to apply to your own life?
- Which three people are in your area of influence whom you may sense God calling you to influence?

Prayer

- For each goal (to obey, abide and follow)
- For those in your area of influence
- For other prayer requests