

## Group Check-In

### Noticing Spiritual Growth

Remind of one of the group's purposes which is to *notice each other's growth* in Christ.

Ask for any insights (or struggles) in being a Christ-follower this past week.

Pray for the group for understanding and power to follow Christ in our world.

# Discussion Questions

## Scripture

Re-read the passage in focus for this week's sermon: Genesis 3:1-7

- In verses 1 and 4-5, what was the serpent trying to do? How was he trying to change Eve's view of God?
- In verse 6, notice how she *saw, desired, took, ate, and then shared*.
  - Which of these "steps" do you think should be considered "sinful"? Why or why not?
  - How does this compare to any temptation to sin you have faced?
  - How can recognizing these "steps" be helpful in facing temptation / combatting sin?

## When tempted, remember it's a spiritual battle

Can anyone describe a time when there was "more than meets the eye" with a temptation they faced? How was it different and what could you do in response to such a situation?

- See James 4:7, Ephesians 6:10-18

## When tempted, remember who you are

Pastor Jonathan mentioned two ways we tend to lean when struggling with temptation to sin: 1) We're "above the law" and deserve to act however we please; or 2) we have "animal-like instincts" and simply can't help it.

- In which way do you tend to lean when tempted? How can you combat this?
- Read Genesis 4:7. How does this model an appropriate attitude towards sin?

## Group Exercise: Consequence List

Pastor Jonathan mentioned in his sermon that it's quite sobering to *list out* the consequences of our sinful actions. If you're up for it, take a few moments as a group to practice this right now:

- Choose a particular sinful action one might be tempted to do, choose a member of your group (who's willing to let their name stand as an example), then brainstorm *all the possible consequences* if that person were to cave to that temptation
- Repeat if desired with a different temptation or different person

## **Facing Sin in Your Life Going Forward**

We are all sinners and have all sinned. If we claim to be sinless, we're deceiving ourselves (1 John 1:8). As we seek both to combat sin and deal with our failures in the future, we need to respond with gospel-saturated minds.

- Read the following verses then discuss how they can help you as deal with temptation and sin as Christ-followers:
  - 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - Galatians 5:22-25
  - Romans 8:1

## **Group Support and Prayer**

Does anyone in the group feel shame over something that they don't think they can be forgiven for? Have you ever felt that way before? How can we help each other remember the truth?

- Listen, remind of the gospel, encourage, and pray with anyone who shares