



## PART 5: TAKE AND EAT

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: Genesis 3:1-7**

#### Intro:

Up to this point creation has been going great. What could possibly go wrong? Everything!

Genesis 3:1-7

**The serpent:** A beast of the field. Later in the Bible identified with Satan (see. Rev. 20:2).

- Sows distrust in God: “Did God really say...?”
- Promised the humans something they already had: to be like God!

**Eve’s response:** She said too much - added to God’s word (v. 17).

- The first legalist in history!

*No part of the Genesis story makes better sense of our story than what happens here.*

### 1. The Nature of Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Corinthians 2:11 - be aware of how Satan tempts us.

Isolation —> Questioning God’s goodness —> Twist God’s words

*At the heart of sin is the belief that God is not as good as he claims to be.*

John 17 - Eternal life is knowing God.

- The presence of the forbidden tree was an opportunity to learn to trust God and grow in intimacy and knowledge of him.

### 2. The Human Quest for Wisdom

Adam and Eve needed wisdom to accomplish the tasks God had given them, but they weren’t patient for God’s provision. They did what was right in their own eyes (see Judges 21:25).

Genesis 3:6 - saw, took, ate

This temptation remains powerful in our time: We assume we have the right and the ability to determine what’s good.

The question is: Do you trust God?

#### Conclusion:

Matthew 26:26-28 - Take, eat.

Sin entered the world through a meal, but Jesus redeemed the world through a meal.

## Connect Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. What's your favourite and least favourite food and why?
2. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

### Study & Discussion:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 & 2 Corinthians 2:9-11. Satan continues to tempt us today, but we're supposed to remain aware of Satan's schemes and trust God for a way to overcome the temptation. What are some ways you have found helpful in resisting temptation?
2. God does not tempt us to sin (see James 1:13), but he does test us (see Psalm 66:10). What is the difference between a temptation and a test? How can you tell which is which when you're facing it? What is the purpose of temptation? What's the purpose of testing?
3. The fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represented more than a tasty snack. It represented humanity's quest for knowledge and wisdom apart from God. In other words, *we're tempted to believe we have the right and the ability to determine what's "good."*

This issue is prevalent in all the bio-ethical debates of our time (i.e. pro-choice, gender identity, M.A.I.D. etc.). Don't allow your group discussion to become a raging debate, or to descend into criticizing the "other" side. Instead, focus on this: *How can we seek God's wisdom in order to provide an empathetic, loving and truthful response to the issues of our time?*

### Practice:

When Adam and Eve took the fruit they were doing what was right in their own eyes, not God's eyes. God would have provided everything they need, but in their lack of trust, they grasped for what they needed apart from him.

Is there an area of your life where you're not trusting God? An area where you have done what is right in your own eyes? It's time to repent of that sin and start trusting God.