



**Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**  
Topic: *The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil-  
A Foolish Decision*  
Text: Genesis 2-3  
Service Date: September 8, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

**Getting Started**

- In thinking about the Garden of Eden, what would have been things you would have enjoyed the most?
- Read Genesis 2:8-9 and 2:15-17. What are some reflections you have from the passage?

**Sermon Discussion**

- The question was asked in the sermon, "Anyone here wish that you could take back one decision you made in life?" What would your response be to this question and how would you have changed the decision?
- Often, we don't realize how our decisions (even the smallest ones) can impact someone's else's life- either for good or bad. How have you seen decisions either you or someone you've known make on those around them?
- After they sin, Adam and Eve are banished from the garden. What do you think their first thoughts were as they exited the Garden?
- God had given Adam and Eve the specific instruction not to eat from the tree, yet they disobeyed. We look back at their decision and wonder how they could have done such a thing in disobeying God. Yet, we do the same thing every time we chose to disobey. Why do you think we have such a difficult time obeying what God clearly instructs us to do?
- One of satan's goals is to bring followers of Christ into a realm of doubt and unbelief; he wants to tear us apart just like he did with Adam and Eve in the

Garden of Eden when they were forced to live in separation from God. How can we avoid falling into the trap of doubting God, even when it sometimes seems like He may not respond when or how we want?

- Trees provide protection for us- consider the roots that anchor the tree to the ground so that it doesn't blow over in a storm. How do you anchor yourself each day so that your life stands firm in faith and avoids giving in to temptations?
- Paul closed with the question, "What foolish decision do you need to avoid?" If we want to experience change, we have to be intentional about doing things differently. Are there areas in your own life that need to be readjusted to align more with what God is telling you do instead of following what the "world" says you should do or believe? What steps will you take this week to beginning making the change?

### **Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?**

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is "Stories of Life Change". Visit [tri-village.org/yourstory](http://tri-village.org/yourstory) and share how God worked.

### **Resources**

Book: *When Your Rope Breaks* by Stephen Brown

Book: *Make Your Bed: Little Things Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World* by William McRaven

Website: S.H.A.P.E. Test ([tri-village.org/shape](http://tri-village.org/shape))