Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

March 7, 2021
Genesis 3:8-24

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. What do Adam and Eve do when they hear God coming?
    a. Sin separates us from God. In this instance, who does the separating?
    b. What is your first reaction when you sin?
    c. What does God respond (verse 9)?
    d. What pattern does this set up?

2. Who does Adam blame for eating the fruit (2 answers), and who does Eve blame for eating the fruit?
    a. Who do we blame, or how do we try to excuse our behavior when we sin?
    b. Our way of handling sin may actually get in the way of healing. How should we handle things when we sin?

3. Last week, we saw how nakedness symbolizes complete honesty and openness. Why does sin cause Adam and Eve to try to cover themselves?

4. In verse 21, what does God do for Adam and Eve?
    a. How does that symbolize how God deals with our sin?
    b. What had to happen to an animal for Adam and Eve to be covered, what event does this foreshadow (see also verse 15)?

5. Who and what does God curse (verses 14 and 17)?

6. For Adam and Eve, are they curses or consequences?
    a. What does this tell us about how God deals with us?
    b. Eve's consequences are about relationships. In verse 16, how does The Fall damage relationships?
    c. Adam's consequences are about work. How is our relationship with the planet affected?

7. Rather than verse 17 being about not listening to women, what point is it making about who we should listen to?

8. Why do they have to leave the Garden of Eden?
    a. Why can't they eat from the Tree of Life?
    b. If leaving the garden is not a punishment, what does it show about how God deals with us?