Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

February 28, 2021
Genesis 3:

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. The serpent asks in verse 1, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" Why is the "really" important here?
    a. What else does he get wrong and why?

2. What do you think is tempting about the serpent's approach?
    a. James 1:14 says, "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire." How does this help us respond to temptation?

3. At what point does Eve sin (what is her first mistake)?
    a. Do you find yourself putting yourself in a place of judgement over the word of God?

4. Compare Genesis 2:9 and 16-17 with 3:3. How does the woman's telling of the command of God differ from what God actually said?
    a. Why does it matter that Eve adds that they are not even to touch the tree?
    b. What does it do to our understanding of God when we add to or take away from scripture?

5. What is tempting about the tree to Eve?
    a. What does that do to our relationship with God?

6. What is wrong with Eve's logic?
    a. Compare her thinking to Deuteronomy 8:3.
    b. Compare her thinking to 2 Corinthians 5:7.
    c. Compare her thinking to Proverbs 9:10
    d. What does this tell us about how we should look at the things of this world?

7. How does one become wise?
    a. Does Eve gain wisdom by eating the fruit?

    b. What does she lose?

8. Do you look at the world in terms of all that you have, or in terms of what you lack?

    a. How would starting each day with thankfulness change you?

9. Do Adam and Eve die? In what sense?

10. In verse 2:25, Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed, why now do they feel the need to cover themselves (verse 7)?