



Oakwood

CHURCH

September 26 Discussion Questions

“The Fall”

Genesis 3

Preview

The Devil’s Playbook

- A. **Question** God’s Word (v. 1; Matthew 4:3)
- B. Downplay the **Consequences** (v. 4; Matthew 4:6)
- C. Exaggerate the **Benefits** (v. 5; Matthew 4:9)

*“She took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband **who was with her, and he ate.**”* Genesis 3:6

The Fallen World

- **Dissension** (v. 15; Isaiah 11:7-8)
- Difficulty & **Disasters** (v. 17)
- Disease & **Death** (v. 18-19)

*“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ **cursed is the ground** because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life.”* Genesis 3:17

Fallen People

- Guilt & **Shame** (v. 7-8)
- **Conflict** & Blame (v. 12)
- Suffering & **Pain** (v. 16)
- **Sin** & Death (Romans 5:12)
- **Condemnation** & Separation (Romans 5:18; John 3:36)

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses... For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.” Romans 5:12,14,19

OPENING QUESTION

1. Since today’s topic is about “The Fall,” share a memory of one of your worst falls. (i.e. off a bike, horse, rollerblades, tripping over something, etc)

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ THE PASSAGE — Genesis 1:6-25, 31

(A NEW APPROACH TO DISCUSSION)

HEAD: refers to the cognitive aspect of learning. Without adequate content one’s life will be *shallow*.

HEART: refers to personal application. As God’s truth is appropriated, a person’s attitudes, values, and perspectives change to conform to Christ’s. Without application, a person’s life will be *carnal*.

HANDS: represents actual ministry activity—involvement in the lives of others. Without application of the Truth, our learning will be *hollow*.

HEAD

1. Who is the new character that comes onto the scene in Genesis 3? What do we know about him from Scripture?
2. What are Satan’s key ways from his “playbook” to get us to sin?

3. What are some real-life examples of ways Satan puts these plays to work in people's lives?
4. What parallels do you see in the temptations Jesus faced in Matthew 4? What strategies do we learn here for facing temptation?
5. What resulted from the sin of Adam and Eve? What deeper heart issue resulted according to Romans 5:12?
6. What did Adam and Eve do to exhibit their guilt and their shame (see Gen 3:7-10)? What is the difference between guilt and shame?
7. How did Jesus bring peace, life, and joy out of the chaos, death, and despair found within Genesis 3?

HEART

1. Which of the plays from the "Devil's Playbook" are you more inclined to fall for?
2. What is something from the example of Jesus in Matthew 4 that can better secure your victory against temptation?
3. How have you experienced the healing from sin that can only be found in Jesus?

HANDS

1. What is something you learned from this passage or message that you need to share with someone else?
2. Who do you need to share the hope of Jesus with this week?
3. Who can you pray for that is currently experiencing the consequences of their sin?

PRAYER

- Personal Request: Pray for sensitivity to the Spirit's conviction as He exposes our sin and leads us to repentance. Pray also for the person you named in question 3 above.
- Ministry Request: Pray for wisdom, awareness, and readiness for the Safety Team as they keep watch over our campus during Sunday morning worship.