STUDY GUIDE



WEEK 3

THE FALL

Opening Question

Can you remember a time when you realized your actions had unexpected consequences? How did it feel, and what did you learn from that experience?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)
- Genesis 3:1-24 (NIV)
- Revelation 22:1-4 (NIV)

Message Recap

In Genesis 3, we see how humanity's story goes from perfection in Eden to brokenness through sin, not because God failed, but because love requires freedom. But love is worth the risk. While sin lies, lures, and brings consequences, God's love relentlessly pursues us and covers our shame rather than condemning us. Even as we experience the fallout of "the fall," God's redemption plan is at work, leading us to a future restoration where the curse is no more.

Discussion Questions



HEAD CHANGE
(Understanding)

1. How does understanding the difference between pre-Genesis 3 and post-Genesis 3 help you interpret the rest of the Bible?

2. What lies or half-truths do you see in the serpent's words, and how do those same patterns of deception show up in your life today?



HEART CHANGE
(Belief/Emotional Response)

3. When you imagine God searching for Adam and Eve after their failure, what emotions does it stir in you about God's heart for you?

4. Reflecting on God covering Adam and Eve's shame, how does this shape your feelings about God's love and forgiveness in your story?



HABIT CHANGE
(Action/Practice)

5. Where do you find yourself wanting control or to "be God" in your own life, and what practical step can you take to trust God instead?

6. In what area of your life do you need to stop hiding or making excuses and instead respond to God's pursuit with openness and honesty?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Sin lies and lures. It often appears attractive but leads to brokenness and death.
- The consequences of our choices are real, but God's heart is not to condemn, but to pursue and cover our shame.
- The root of sin is the desire to be autonomous from God, wanting to call the shots ourselves.
- Even after the fall, God immediately initiates a redemption plan, ultimately fulfilled in Christ.
- God's story points us forward to restoration, when the curse will be undone and we will see Him face to face.

Next Steps

- **Reflect:** Take time this week to honestly examine where you are believing lies or living out half-truths in your walk with God.
- **Memorize:** Commit Romans 8:38-39 to memory as a reminder that nothing can separate us from God's love.
- **Share:** Encourage someone in your life by sharing the hope that "consequences don't mean condemnation"—invite them to consider God's redemptive love.
- **Pray:** Ask God to reveal places where you are hiding or making excuses and pray for the courage to accept His pursuit and covering grace.
- **Encourage:** Reach out to someone who is struggling with shame or regret this week; remind them that God is not done with them and His love covers our failures.