

# Small Group Discussion

## Week 11



### Chapter 11 – The Fall

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

This chapter might be one of the most humbling chapters in the entire book as we're confronted with the weight and seriousness of our sin. Sin is never easy to talk about, especially because it forces us to be honest and real about how our sin nature has infected our entire beings. As you discuss questions that get specific about personal sin, you as the relational leader can help create a safe environment for other members to share by "giving the gift of going second" - offering examples of your own sin struggles before asking others to share. This removes the pressure from your group members of having to share first. That being said, the point is not to glorify our own sin or try to compete to see who has the worst struggle. The point is to be real and honest about the seriousness of our sin and the consequences we face if it's not dealt with.

#### How HIS-story becomes My Story:

**GOD'S STORY** - Man disobeyed God's commands and as a result of that sin, man is now separated from God. God is completely fair and just in pushing man for his sin.

**OUR STORY** - ALL men have sinned and fall short of God's standard, thus we're all in need of God to restore us back into relationship with Him.

**MY STORY** - My sin separates me from God and unless God intervenes, I deserve the punishment for my sins, which is death and eternal separation from God.

Starting the Conversation:

Since this is such a heavy and humbling chapter, acknowledge this at the beginning and ask group members to share how they felt after reading the passages and working through the questions. This will set the tone for the rest of your discussion. As heavy as it might feel, remind them at the end of your group that by God's grace, He has made a way to restore us back to a relationship and that's worth celebrating.

#### Life Group Questions

1. Read Genesis 3. Based on the first three chapters of Genesis, why was it such a big deal for Adam and Eve to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?
2. Analyze the sin in your life in light of the rebellion of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. Do you see the same tendency toward independence and rebellion in your actions? How so?

3. Think back to the world of Genesis 2. Spend a few minutes imagining what our world would look like without sin, if everything had stayed the way God intended it to be.
4. Now consider the ways that sin has affected our world. How is our experience of the world shaped by the fall? Be specific and describe how it affects you today.
5. Think about the current state of the world. In what ways is humanity still caught in the rebellion that led to the flood and the tower of Babel?
6. In what ways are you involved in this rebellion?
7. As you think back over Genesis 1–3 (and even the events we discussed from chapters 4–11), briefly describe how these chapters lay the groundwork for what is to come in the biblical story.
8. How should our understanding of the first chapters of the Bible affect the way we view ourselves and the world around us?

**Continuing The Conversation:**

- “Why do I face the consequences of Adam’s sin when I did not eat the fruit?”
- “If God knew that Satan would rebel and Adam and Eve would sin, why did He create them?”

**Prayer Assignment:**

Ask God to show you an area of sin in your life (Psalm 139:23-24). As God shows you pray, repent and ask God for strength in overcoming the sin.