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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Everybody Qualifies  
Genesis 3, Pastor Ed Kemp  
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### Prayer Requests:

**Group Discussion:** Do you remember a time in childhood when you were caught telling a lie?

### Read aloud: Genesis 3

What is the only recorded character trait of the serpent in 3:1? What is the first thing the serpent said? (The first thing a character in an Old Testament Bible story says is often very, very significant because it sets up the entire theme of the story.) How does the serpent's question focus the entire story? How did Eve expand God's command and do we do this? When Adam finally responds to God he responds in fear, why?

Look carefully at what the serpent says, does he speak partial truth, white lies, bold-faced lies? Adam and Eve clothe themselves and this represents hiding from one another and then they hide from God when He comes to the garden, is this just a physical issue?

Do you ever question God's word or God's character? Give an example. Why do you think God created consequences to disobedient behavior?

Read I John 2:12-17, How does vs. 16 resemble Eve rationalization in Gen. 3:6?

God then teaches Adam and Eve about payment for their sin by putting an animal to death, skinning it, and dressing Adam and Eve in the pelt. By doing this God is instituting a blood sacrifice to yearly atone for and cover their sin. This blood sacrifice was passed down and practiced by every ancient culture in the world! Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice to eternally atone for sin. How does God's restriction of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden represent grace?

**Family Time:** Read the story in Genesis 3 to your kids and ask them: Why do you think Adam and Eve would listen to the serpent? If God says, "Love your neighbor." But you're angry at your neighbor friend are you disobeying God's word? What is the number one way you try and love your neighbor: patience, kindness, service, or gifts?