



## IN THE BEGINNING...

A STUDY OF GENESIS

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 2: The Fall (Genesis 3)

Pastor Tom Kang

- 1) Read Genesis 3:1-9.
  - a) What do you think the serpent was trying to achieve by asking, “Did God really say ...” in 3:1? How might someone today experience a similar temptation?
  - b) According to Genesis 3:4-5, what tactic does the serpent employ to alienate us from God? The serpent is identified with Satan (cf. Revelation 12:9). What characteristics does he display in these verses?
  - c) Satan claimed that eating the fruit would make Eve like God (3:5). In what way was this true? (cf. 3:22) In what way was it a lie?
  - d) What immediate effects occurred for Adam and Eve personally and in their relationship with God? (Genesis 3:6-8) Where do you see the consequences of human rebellion in our world? In your own life?
  - e) Our word “autonomy” comes from the Greek *autos* (self) and *nomos* (law). In Genesis 3 sin is autonomy. Adam and Eve chose to live by their own rules. Elaborate and discuss. How do we do the same today?
- 2) *“The Bible offers a range of images to help us understand different facets of the reality of sin: sin is lawlessness; sin is rebellion; sin is exchanging God for something created; sin is transgressing a limit ... The church has also tried to understand all sins as flowing a common source. For Augustine, for example, pride is at the origin of all sin.”* (Christopher Watkin, Biblical Critical Theory) Share some of your thoughts about the quote above. How would you describe “sin” to someone who has never read the Bible or stepped foot inside of a church? What Biblical passages help shape your understanding here?
- 3) What stands out to you about God’s response? (Genesis 3:9, 3:21) What aspect of God’s character has this week’s passage shown you more clearly?
- 4) If God were to ask you, “Where are you?” how would you answer Him today? Why is that such an important question in light of Genesis 3:9 and Pastor Tom’s message?
- 5) What one step can you take this week to better live in light of this week’s message?