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**BIG IDEA:** The enemy's strategy to take a seat at your table isn't shock and awe, but through lies and deception.

**BIBLE  
DISCUSSION**

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

When you read this passage what does it make you feel?

Do you view the enemy as someone who is seeking you out?

What steps do you take, or need to start taking to ensure that you are sober minded and alert to the schemes of the enemy?

Can you think of a time you were able to resist the enemy and stand firm in your faith? How did that shape your spiritual development?

Read Genesis 3:1-5

Why do you think Satan chose to blend in with the garden, instead of standing out as a clear adversary?

What is the seed that Satan plants into the heart of Eve, and how do you see the idea take root leading her to action?

Why did Adam not remind Eve of the command given by the creator, instead of going along with the idea that the enemy planted into Eve's mind?

Read 1 John 2:15-16

What is John warning the first century church about? Why is "the world" and all the things in it not to be loved?

What are the things avenues in which the enemy uses to distract us from the voice of the good shepherd? Which one is the most difficult for you avoid?

When you think about your "seat at the table" with the Good Shepherd, how have your daily rhythms changed in the last few months, and what does that reveal about your growth in Christ?

Looking at the three areas from 1 John 2:16 (desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, pride of life), where do you see evidence that the Holy Spirit is helping you say "no" to the enemy's lies and "yes" to Jesus more than you did a year ago?

In what ways do you think living as a family, helps protect you against the roaring lion seeking those to devour?

How can knowing that we are behind enemy lines and the ways the enemy tries to interrupt time at the table with the Good Shepherd help in coming up with a plan to resist his schemes?

What does it look like for you, this week, to invite at least one person to the table with the Good Shepherd?

Who in your life most needs to hear that the Good Shepherd has prepared a table for them in order to restore their soul and what is keeping you from going and telling them?

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**LIVING AS  
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**SHARING  
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