

# ORIGINS

## SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 3:1-7** // Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

### **The Battleground of Temptation**

#### **Genesis 3:1-7**

How do sin and Satan work against us?

1. Sin Divides (v 1-5)

2. Sin Conquers (v 6-7)

### **APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. How does Jesus' obedience enable you to stand firm when being tempted?
2. How does Jesus' resurrection encourage you when you fall into temptation?
3. Why is church community vital for us in the battle of temptation?

## MISSIONARY PRAYER // JOHN SITTEMA, MISSION HOPE



John Sittema, a former pastor of Christ Church Mandarin, and his wife Carol are involved in oversight and are mentors to Christian workers that are part of MISSION:HOPE (Hope), providing training and pastoral support to the global staff around the world.

Hope works in places of despair. Like the picture shown in Papua New Guinea in the islands of Indonesia. Almost exclusively Muslim. Only 2 generations ago, their grandparents did not wear clothes. Extreme poverty. 40 percent of children (in this village) die of malnutrition before they reach 5.

Would you start with a Bible Study? A sermon? A soccer team? We opted for a different strategy. The woman on the right is conducting a survey about nutrition. That survey revealed a complete lack of protein in their diet. Our Indonesia team brought in seeds and education to establish FAITH gardens in the small plots of all who would have them. (FAITH=Food Always In The Home). Within 2 years, diets changed; proteins were added, children gained weight, began to grow taller. They are healthy now!



Then the question: Why did you come? Now we told them of Jesus. In only 18 months, 10 small churches were established. Each of them has plans to expand the FAITH garden ministry with hopes of multiplying 10X churches. Thank you for your faithful and generous support. It allows Carol and me to help shape and carry out ministries like this in Indonesia, Nicaragua, the DR. We love you!

Prayer Requests:

1. Mission Hope workers in Indonesia, mostly female, are frequently beaten by their husbands who are not in Christ.
2. Trafficking is a huge problem. Parents "sell" one child in order to feed rest of large family. Low sense of human worth apart from gospel. Our anti-trafficking team under much pressure from culture that accepts this as normal.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

### How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // FEBRUARY 17 - 23

Day	Date	Read
Mon	2/17/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 127
Tues	2/18/20	Mark 1, Psalm 128
Wed	2/19/20	Mark 2:1-3:6, Psalm 129
Thurs	2/20/20	Mark 3:7-4:34, Psalm 130
Fri	2/21/20	Mark 4:35-6:6a, Psalm 131
Sat	2/22/20	Mark 6:6b-8:21, Psalm 132
Sun	2/23/20	Mark 8:22-9:29, Psalm 133