



TALK IT OVER

9/26/2021

Message Series: Jesus Story

Week # 3

Message: Fall of Man

Communicator: Pastor Kevin Geer

Big Idea: We broke it, Jesus fixed it

Central Text/s: Genesis 2-3

Wins and Words of the Week: Take time to share **WINS**, (what God did) and **WORD**, (what God shared with you from His word) that moved you and others forward and closer to Jesus.

Ice Breaker: What food do you find especially tempting?

Questions to Consider: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Don't feel you need to "get through" all the questions like a grocery list. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written. Trust God for the robust discussion and fruit.

1. What did your parents warn you not to do and you chose to do it anyway? What was the outcome? Share that story with us.
2. Read Genesis 2:16-17. Why would God place a tree in the garden and then forbid Adam to eat from it? What do you think?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-19. What are 1-2 things that immediately jump out at you? What questions do you have about the passage and or what answers does the passage provide for you?
4. We learned this week that God made it and we broke it. But how is it fixed? Explain.
5. How are you living out the biblical mandate of caring for the earth? Give some examples.

Digging Deeper:

6. Based on previous knowledge, what are some of the stereotypical characteristics of Satan? Why do you think he enters the narrative in Genesis 3:1?
7. Read Genesis 3:1-4. Satan was disguised as a crafty serpent who came to tempt Eve. What are some schemes the enemy employs here? What are some of the enemy's schemes that you find yourself vulnerable to falling for?
8. Read Genesis 3:7. Notice Eve's response during the dialogue. She looked, she took, she ate and she gave. Temptation often begins by simply seeing something you want. When do you find yourself struggling with temptation and what is your first line of defense against it? Discuss with the group. (See Ephesians 6:10-17)
9. What do you do when you find yourself 'naked'--caught in a sin or mistake? Do you ever involve others in this process and if so, how?
10. Read Genesis 3:9. Bottom line, this verse shows God's desire to have fellowship with us. How is he calling you today? Where have you been? Discuss with the group



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11. Pastor Kevin mentioned that Jesus is the tool belt we all should wear. What key tools do you have on your belt? What tools do you need to add to your belt to help you thrive?

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Group Prayer Options:

- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right, *it can be out loud or in silence*,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep a list of both requests and answers then celebrate the answers.**

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