

ORIGINS

The Fall

**From the first, sin
led to secrecy.**

■ SERIES SUMMARY

- The Bible contains some of the oldest stories ever told, condensed over many millennia into pure, concentrated truth. The origin stories in Genesis 1–11 still speak with power and relevance today.
- In these ancient words, we'll find foundational truths revealed through the accounts of creation, the fall, Cain & Abel, the flood, and Babel. Truths about who God is, who we are, and how the world works.
- Our origins aren't just ancient history—they're blueprints for a meaningful life, full of purpose and hope.

■ ICEBREAKER

- Would your family/friends say that you are good or bad at keeping secrets? Any fun examples?

■ SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3

- *Reading included in this week's teaching video.*



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Why do you think it's such a common instinct to hide or cover up?
2. We assume God knew where they were, so what's the significance of God's calling out, "Where are you?"
3. What's the connection between secrets and trust?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. What kinds of things are you most likely to hide and who are you most likely to hide them from?
5. Scripture calls us to confess to one another. Why do you think that has become such a rare practice in our Christian culture?
6. What does it feel like (both short-term and long-term) when something secret finally comes to light?

WRITING A NEW STORY

7. How do we properly manage the tension between healthy privacy and unhealthy secrecy?
8. Does anyone in your life have truly free access to your personal devices? Why or why not?
9. What are some good next steps toward cultivating greater comfort with confession (both making it and receiving it)?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Ask God for the courage to live in the light, and the trust to believe there's now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.

