

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
February 18, 2018



The Story of God – Week 2

BIBLE IN A YEAR READING (SPEND 10- 15 MINUTES HERE):

Spend a little time at the beginning of each week to talk through the “Bible in a Year” reading plan. Use this as a time to encourage, discuss, and apply what we’ve read together this week since our group last met. Give people an opportunity to share around these 3 general questions:

1. What passage(s) did God use this week to help you grow?
2. What passage(s) did you have challenges with? Why?
3. What passage(s) did you not understand?

Encourage your group members to dive into study and research when they come across passages that they don’t agree with or don’t understand. There are some great resources online. Here are a few to share:

<http://blueletterbible.org/> - Tons of biblical study resources available

For the Love of God – Vol 1 & 2 – Daily reading commentary

INTRO:

We dive in this week to the story of the fall. There are so many common misconceptions – snakes are evil, it was an apple, it’s Eve’s fault, etc... How did Sunday’s message challenge your previous understanding of this story?

DIVE IN:

Read Genesis 3 together as a group and then discuss the following questions:

1. Satan speaks through a snake and asks the question “Did God really say...” He simply challenged God’s authority in their lives by a simple question. In what areas is Satan tempting you, asking “Did God really say...”? (Gen 3:1-3)
2. Satan’s temptation is then that God is holding out – He doesn’t want you to be as powerful as Him, know as much as Him, etc... In what ways do you feel like God’s holding out on you? Where’s that frustration coming from? (Gen 3:4-5)
3. At the time of the conversation between Satan and Adam and Eve, they are all together near the tree that God asked them to abstain from (Gen 3:6). Too often we find ourselves near the “location of temptation” and sin more easily. How do you keep yourself away from the things that you know are temptations?
4. What did Adam and Eve think they had to gain by eating the fruit (read Genesis 2:8-9, 3:4-5). They knew God, so they already had knowledge of “good”. What did they really gain?

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5. Adam and Eve sinned and immediately felt shame. They made garments of fig leaves to cover themselves and hide. How do you hide when you sin? (Gen 3:6-7)
6. Do you think God really didn't know where Adam and Eve were? How does God seek you out in your hiding? (Gen 3:8-9)
7. Pastor Paul asked the question, "How often do you blame _____ instead of taking a look in the mirror?" Why do you justify your behavior instead of owning it? (Gen 3:10-12)
8. Genesis 3:14-19 outlines the initial consequences of the first sin for Satan, Eve, & Adam. How do you see these lived out in your lives still today?
9. Even in the punishment of sin, God provides covering at the cost of an animal's life (Gen 3:20-24). It's the first sacrifice for sin recorded in scripture. Where in your life do you see God providing care and protection in your life, even in the midst of consequences of sin?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?