



## Study Guide

Read Genesis 3, paying particular attention verses 14-21.

How often do you think about Adam and Eve's fall into temptation? Do you avoid thinking about this historical event?

When was the last time you were conscious of the real, felt consequences of sin?

Read Genesis 3:14-15 - who is God addressing in these verses? What sticks out to you about this conversation?

Are there questions that come up for you when reading this?  
Talk with someone about those questions.

Read Romans 16:17-20. Why do you think Paul connects back to Genesis 3 in his concluding thoughts to the church in Rome?

Read Genesis 3:16 - who does God speak to in this verse? What has been your understanding of this particular passage? If you have given birth, do you agree that God has been true to His word?

How have you seen contrary desire within a marriage? In what way(s) can this reality be navigated in the relationship a husband and wife have? What are ways can God actively be redeeming man/woman through marriage?

Read Genesis 3:17-19 - who is being spoken to by God in these verses?

In what ways have you heard these verses referred to in life? How far reaching is the impact of these three verses? In what way(s) do you feel this today?

Can you think of opportunities to have spiritual conversations with co-workers, neighbors, or friends based on these verses and the normal, everyday life you live?

Summarize the three separate curses that God pronounced after Adam and Eve fell into temptation.

Read Genesis 3:20-21.

Consider this quote from the ESV Study Bible:  
"Eve sounds like the Hebrew for *life-giver* and resembles the word for *living*."

Does this change the way you think about Adam and Eve's relationship? Why or why not?

What does verse 21 make you think about God?

How would you describe the way Adam and Eve had covered themselves (see Genesis 3:7) compared to the way God covered them?

Theologians refer to this account of God clothing Adam and Eve as the "proto-gospel," the first glimpses of the Good News. Why is God covering Adam and Eve with animal skins good news?

When has receiving clothing been Good News for you? Or how have you experienced mercy and grace through the gift of clothing?

Advent is a season of anticipation, looking forward to the arrival of the Messiah.

Why do you think this sermon series is looking at clothing throughout the Bible?

What questions do you have about the specific mentioning of clothing in God's redemptive story?

**Next Steps:** As you put clothes on this week, thank God for His mercy and grace.

**Next week's Scripture:** Genesis 37:1-11