

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the needs of their unique group.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Describe your perfect day. If you could spend 24 hours doing anything, anywhere, and you had unlimited funds, what would you do?
- Name one or two things that could ruin that perfect day.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)**Intro:**

A. Read Genesis 3:1-7. Adam and Eve lived in a perfect world, but sin ruined it. On Sunday morning, Pastor Pat shared **six steps on the road toward sin**. What is your **one thing** from Sunday? What stuck out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

#1 - We minimize God's blessings (Compare 2:16-17 to 3:2-3)

- A. When confronted by the serpent, Eve seems to forget about all the blessings God has given her, and, instead, focuses on the one thing God has withheld from her. What are some of the blessings God has given you that you tend to overlook at times?
- B. What is the thing you think you deserve in life that prevents you from seeing the blessings God has given you?

#2 - We magnify God's restrictions (vs. 3)

- A. It seems as though Eve wasn't content with the sufficiency of God's Word, so she added to it. Can you think of a few "sins" that people have added to God's Word over the years?
- B. What are some dangers that could creep in if we stopped reading the Bible and instead just read what people said about the Bible? Be honest - are you actually reading the Bible, or just good Christian books?

#3 - We marginalize God's warnings (Compare 2:16-17 to 3:2-3)

- A. God indicated that Adam and Eve would "surely die", while Eve seems to see death as simply a possibility. As a group, name several biblical commands that Christ-followers are to obey.
- B. Which of the commands we just listed do you tend to marginalize? Have you ever said in your heart, "I know the Bible says that, but..."

#4 - We mull over Satan's promises (vs. 5-6)

- A. The serpent deceived Eve by only telling her about what she would gain and not what she would lose. When was the last time you gave in to sin because you believed your short term gain would outweigh your long term loss?

#5 - We mutilate God's ideal (vs. 6-7)

- A. Adam deliberately and defiantly disobeyed God. According to Romans 5:12,18-19, how are we impacted?

#6 - We masquerade our sin (vs. 7-8)

- A. The first thing Adam and Eve did after sinning was clothe themselves because they were ashamed. What are some ways people today try to hide their sin?
- B. Is there sin in your life you're trying to hide? What's stopping you from confessing that sin and turning from it?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that each person in your Cell Group would hear and respond to God's Word (John 8:47).

