

Growth Group Questions
Cole Community Church
Genesis Chapter 3
Week of Sept. 28, 2008

Introduction

What if there was no Chapter 3 in Genesis? In Chapters 1 and 2, we see God's perfect creation, without flaw or fault. There is perfect fellowship between mankind and God. In Chapter 4 and beyond the Biblical story is filled with wickedness, jealousy, rebellion, judgment, anger, violence, murder, corruption and worse. What happened? What brought sin and evil into the world and what is God doing about it? Without Chapter 3, we would have no explanation for God's need to redeem mankind. Without the events of Chapter 3, God would not need to provide a means to salvation. Chapter 3 is the pivot on which everything turns. It is called "the fall of man."

QUESTION 1. What can we learn about the character of:

- The serpent? See also, Rev. 12:9.
- Eve?
- Adam?

QUESTION 2. The serpent is described as "crafty" (NIV) or "subtle" (KJV). Describe how he uses his cunning to deceive and entrap Eve. Eve clearly knows better (vs. 2); why does she fall for it? How does Adam get included in the serpent's trap? Who is at fault?

QUESTION 3. God told Adam (Gen 2:16) "you must not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In Chapter 3, what do we learn is wrong with knowing the difference between good and evil?

QUESTION 4. What are the consequences of Adam's and Eve's choices? Describe the result for:

- The serpent? What is different about God's approach to him?
- Eve?
- Adam?

QUESTION 5. Does Chapter 3 describe a God of love, mercy and forgiveness? How?