

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

CORE52 | #3 The Fall

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*“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”*

—Genesis 3:6 | NIV

1. Share about a time you blamed someone for your own actions. What happened? Where you found out?
2. What stood out to you from the sermon this week?
3. Compare Genesis 3:6 and 1 John 2:16. What comes to mind as you consider these verses? Is God challenging you through anything in these verses?
  - a. What are temptations in the category of “lust of the flesh” (or passion)?
  - b. What are temptations in the category of “lust of the eyes” (or possession)?
  - c. What are temptations in the category of “pride of life” (or position)?
4. Read Genesis 3:10-13 and the first blame game. What are the problems with blaming others for our own failings?
5. Read Galatians 6:4-5. How is boasting like blaming? What do these ideas have to do with temptation?
6. People often blame bad attitudes on circumstances but their good attitudes on themselves. How is this also pride?
7. Read Genesis 3:1-5. Satan first questioned the Bible and then challenged the Bible. When have you been tempted to question or challenge God’s Word?
8. Read Numbers 23:19, Psalm 19:7, Proverbs 30:5, Isaiah 40:8, John 17:17, and 2 Timothy 3:14-17. How does the Bible’s infallibility affect the way we interpret it? What “message” are these verses referring to?
9. Consider the temptation of Jesus (in Luke 4:1-13). What was Jesus’s defense to resist Satan every time? How can we better use this strategy ourselves?
10. On a 3x5 card, write the names of three people you would like to escort one step closer to God. Pray for God to give you opportunities to do that in simple and practical ways.
11. What has this study taught you about the Fall?
12. Why does it matter?

**TAKEAWAY:** Where are you staring?