

# SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ☀ Humanity is wired in such a way that they must believe something. If they don't believe the truth, then they'll eventually believe what \_\_\_\_\_? If God's true Word is rejected, there are consequences to pay. Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and notice the two options for mankind and the two results depending upon which you choose. Write the contrasting pairs below. Life and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15). \_\_\_\_\_ and evil (v. 15). Live and multiply and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-17). Walk in his way and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-17). Blessing and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)  
What is your life characterized by?
- ☀ What steps did Satan take to tempt Eve? Are you being tempted in similar ways? YES / NO. How are you responding in the face of temptation? Perhaps you should tell another Christian about your struggle and ask them to help you and pray for you. That's what the community of believers is for. We "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).
- ☀ Eve diminished God's blessings and amplified God's prohibition. She forgot the tree of life and all of God's lavish provisions from which she was free to eat, and instead focused on the one forbidden tree. How do you think similarly in your own life? Is there any area of your life where you are forgetting the forest of provision and instead focusing on the tree of prohibition? How is that affecting your walk with God?
- ☀ Eve tried to find nourishment, beauty, and wisdom apart from God and his plan. How might a modern person make the same mistake?
- ☀ Scripture documents the sad consequences of Adam's sin but things don't stop there. How does God use the story of the fall to set the stage for His ultimate offer of Grace? How will Christ restore what sin marred?
- ☀ If victory in the face of temptation comes through a precise knowledge of God's Word, how can you improve that in your life? Look up Psalm 119:9-11; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1 to help answer that.
- ☀ List 5 ways God has demonstrated his goodness in your life recently. Rehearse them today when you face temptation. Say to yourself, "My God is good, I will not doubt him or his Word. He's done so much in my life, like..." Look up (James 1:16-18) concerning God's goodness. It starts like this, "Do not be deceived..."
- ☀ When you face temptation this week, how can you remain focused on Christ in the midst of it? How can you demonstrate a fear of God in real practical ways this week?