

## Genesis 3



### Big Idea:

As Adam and Eve carry out God's mandate for the earth, Satan enters the story to entice the couple to humanity's original rebellion against God.

### Thought Exercise:

- What are some truths we learn from Genesis 3?
- When we lose the battle against temptation and sin, God continues to pursue us in his relentless love and always gives us the opportunity to confess and repent.

### Items for discussion:

#### Shame

- How does shame shape the choices we make?
- How does shame keep us in bondage to selfishness?
- Discuss the differences between Adam, Eve, and our perception of the role both played in the fall.
- How do we overcome feelings of shame and guilt?

#### Pursuit

- Even though sin is present in the garden and man was hiding, God enters the garden and pursues Adam and Eve.
- How do you respond when confronted with your mistakes?
- The reality is that sin affects every dimension of our existence: our relationship to God, to ourselves, to one another, and to creation.

#### Grace

- How does God want us to respond to our sin as his children?
- Discuss the nature and message in God's provision for Adam.
- How do we see God's redemption active in our own battle with sin?

God has created and brought to order and function to the earth, the rebellion of humanity against divine authority, and God's plan to restore mankind to his original purpose through grace and faith.

