God Confronts Sin

Lesson 5, Genesis 3:8-17, 20-24, NIV

A Tree and a Temptation

Today's text (Genesis 3:8-17, 20-24) describes the events following the woman and man eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Using the texts provided, answer the questions that provide the background for today's text.

1. According to Genesis 2:8, 9, what did God plant in Eden?

2. According to Genesis 2:16, 17, what was God's command to the man about the trees?

3. According to Genesis 2:17, what was the punishment if the man ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

4. According to Genesis 3:1, how did the serpent twist the command of God in Genesis 2:17?

5. According to Genesis 3:3, how did the woman change the command of God in Genesis 2:17?

6. According to Genesis 3:4, 5 how does the serpent tempt the woman?

7. According to Genesis 3:6, why does the women eat the fruit?

8. According to Genesis 3:7, what was the result of the woman and her husband eating the fruit?

Confession and Repentance

Sin is a reality. All have sinned. We cannot hide our sins from God, yet we do try. Believers accept the responsibility for their sins and seek reconciliation with God and others through confession and repentance. Silently reflect on the answers to the following questions.

What sins have you committed? Which sins do you commit regularly?

What is a consequence for your sin?

How has your sin affected your relationship with God?

Who else have you hurt as a result of your sin?

What sin do you need to repent of today in order to restore your relationship with God?

What relationships do you need to restore? What can you do to restore those relationships?

Read Psalm 51:1-14.

Ask God to forgive your sin and give you guidance in restoring the relationships damaged by your sin. Thank God for his forgiveness and provision.

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