

Note to Leaders: Every Small Group is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

SERMON SYNOPSIS

Few of us made it our life ambition to be bad. We just slide into it. That is the nature of sin and temptation. When Satan comes to you, he does not come at the roar of a lion. He does not come waving a red flag. Satan just slides into your life. He comes and seems almost like a comfortable companion. The New Testament says that he comes as an angel of light, as a minister of God. Sometimes as a minister of righteousness. One point that's quite clear is that when the Enemy comes to attack you, he comes in disguise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the time when you were tempted to do something wrong. Did you do it? Please share with your group.
2. Read Genesis 3:1-19
 - a. Take 2-3 minutes to observe the above verses and share what stood out to you most.
 - b. How does Satan tempt us into sin? Ps. Daniel said there are 5 stages. Find the supporting verses for each and discuss how this strategy is still true today:
 1. He disguised his person and his purpose (v. _____)
 2. He engages you in a conversation (v. _____)
 3. He attacks God's word (v. _____)
 4. He attacks God's character (v. _____)
 5. Your mind is now poisoned, you see things differently and your action will be sin. (v. _____)
3. Eve's first mistake was in engaging with the serpent and as a result she made 3 mistakes (contrast Eve's response in Gen 3:2-3, with what God actually said in Gen 2:16-17).
 1. *She underestimated God's generous provision and changed her focus to the one thing she couldn't have ("you may eat" vs "you may freely eat")*
 2. *She added to God's instruction by saying "you cannot touch it."*
 3. *She undermined the severity/consequence of being disobedient to God ("die" vs "surely die").*

List 5 things God has blessed you with. Have you thanked Him for his blessings?
4. How can you protect yourself from temptation? How can this group help you?

MOVING FORWARD

In order to guard yourself from temptation you need to:

1. Be on your guard against Satan's deception
2. Flee from temptation.
3. Know God's word
4. Focus on His character and goodness.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV11)