

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 3:8-13

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

DISCUSSION PROMPTS FOR SMALL GROUPS, FRIEND GROUPS & HOUSEHOLDS:

1. **Read Genesis 3:8-13** (*printed above*). What stands out to you and why? What questions does this passage raise in your mind? (Feel free to wrestle with those questions together)
2. What are the humans doing in this story, and why? In what ways can you see yourself in the story?
3. What is God doing in this story? Do His actions surprise you? Why or why not?
4. How does sin alienate us from ourselves, God and others?
5. Is there room in our community for us to confess our sins to each other? What might happen if we do? What could go wrong? What could go right? If we're not ready to do this, what would we have to do to get ready?