

THE PLAN

2. The Fall (Genesis 2-3) September 19, 2021

The Plan:

The Bible is the story of God's plan to establish a _____ full of _____ who live out their _____ in his _____.

Story Coordinates (Genesis 2:4-25)

People (Who is the story about?) (2:4-7, 21-23)	Place (Where is there home?) (2:8-14)
Presence (How can they meet with God?) (Genesis 3:8, Isaiah 51:3, Ezekiel 28:13)	Purpose (What did God tell them to do?) (2:15-20)

What did they do? (Genesis 3:1-6)

- They _____ to the creature they were supposed to be _____.

- They decided to rule on _____ behalf.

How did God respond? (Genesis 3:14-24)

- God _____ their choices by giving them the _____ of their actions. (3:14-19)
- God _____ their rebellion by _____ them from the Garden. (3:20-24)

The Moral of the Story

- Ruling on God's behalf means that our actions have real _____ for God's creation.
- Ruling on God's behalf means we cannot have the _____ of the Plan without _____ God.

Spoiler Alert

The death of Jesus _____ from sin, so we can fulfill _____ in the Plan. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Adam and Eve were exiled from the Garden because of a very small action—eating a piece of fruit. Have you ever done something small that had enormous consequences?
- Adam and Eve decided to take advice from a very unreliable source, the snake. Have you ever taken advice from the wrong person?

2. Into the Bible (Read Matthew 4:1-11)

- How is the temptation of Jesus similar to the story of Adam and Eve?
- Adam and Eve chose to rule on their own behalf. What choice does Jesus make?

- Adam and Eve failed by listening when they should have been teaching. How does Jesus compare?

3. Going Deeper

- How do we experience the temptation of the snake today? Where are we tempted to listen to the wrong sources of information?
- What are the consequences of choosing to listen to those sources?
- How can we resist the temptation of the snake, based on the reading from Matthew 4?

4. Prayer

- Pray for the temptations your group will face throughout the week. Consider saying the Lord's Prayer together (Matthew 6:9-13)