

Small Group Questions

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Series Title: Interview with the Devil

Message: "Trust Issues"

Introduction

This series will examine numerous passages in the Bible that speak about the devil. Not only does the Bible speak of him in real terms, Jesus said more about the devil than any other character in the Bible. Tendencies around this topic are to ignore the devil or obsess about the devil. Our goal will be to become aware of the devil and his schemes so that we can experience more freedom in our relationship with Jesus. The devil is a liar and each week we will focus on one big lie he is still telling. May what we learn help to live more of truth and freedom.

Discussion Questions

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What food do you find especially tempting?
2. Why do you think hide-and-seek games continue to be so popular with kids and even adults?

(Questions based on the primary text)

Read Genesis 3:1-13.

3. Which portions of the serpent's words are true and which are false in :1, 4 and 5? (Compare 3:5, 22, 5:5) Why do you think the serpent mixes truth together with lies?
4. Compare Eve's responses in 3:2-3 with what God actually said in 2:9, 16-17. What does she get right and what does she get wrong? What does that tell you about the nature of temptation?
5. What one word descriptions would you use to describe the fall-out of not trusting God? (:7-12)
6. What makes it so hard for Adam and Eve to take responsibility for what they have done? Is it any easier for us when it comes to taking responsibility today?
7. The devil's big lie that day: "God cannot be trusted." What things can you do to learn that God can be trusted? How can your group help you learn that?

