

*The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." - GENESIS 3:12-13*

## FELLOWSHIP

(Start the conversation and get to know more about the people in the group)

1. *Which would you prefer for dinner: ramen or a burger? Why?*
2. *Growing up, did you share your lunchbox contents with your friends? Why did you do so?*

## MEDITATE AND PROCLAIM

(Scripture to be gleaned from and how we can apply the Word in our lives and encourage others to do the same)

As we journey through Chapter 3 of Genesis, we will understand that this chapter on the fall of humanity is key to understanding the Bible and life itself. It provides the answer to questions that emanate from sin as well as the promise of the way back to God. For this lesson, we will talk about accusation.

### **Accusation is the enemy's tool to isolate you.**

The enemy knows he cannot kill you but he can use you as his pawn to spread temptation, deception and condemnation. He is only powerful to the degree that you allow him to be. When you begin to blame or accuse others instead of owning up to your failures, it causes rifts which leads to eventual disunity and division. Satan is known as the accuser of the brethren.

*And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.*

**- REVELATION 12:10**

*The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me..."*

God has given Adam responsibility over every creature in the garden, including his wife Eve. If Adam was responsible to protect and take care of her, she would not have been deceived in the first place. It is humanity's sinful nature to always accuse someone else. Adam blamed Eve for falling into sin and ended up accusing God.

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

Eve accused the serpent for her sin. People blame anyone or anything rather than accepting responsibility for their own rebellion and rejection of God.

**DISCUSS: HAVE YOU EVER BLAMED SOMEONE ELSE FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS TRULY YOUR FAULT? HOW DID IT GO AND DID YOU EVENTUALLY OWN UP TO YOUR FAILINGS?**

Temptation, deception, condemnation and accusation are not intellectual words; rather, they are spiritual. You fall under the enemy's influence when you fall into temptation, are deceived and feel condemned. Accusation is the roof or covering of the "cage of condemnation" because it isolates us from God and the Church. How then are we able to get free from the enemy's trap?

### **Accept Responsibility for Sin**

*For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight, - PSALM 51:3,4a*

**DISCUSS: ARE THERE ANY SIN ISSUES YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH? ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU AND REPENT. HE GIVES US THE POWER TO SAY NO TO SIN!**

## **Abide in Christ and His Righteousness**

*Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. - JOHN 15:3,4*

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. - ISAIAH 61:10*

**DISCUSS: HOW DOES ABIDING IN CHRIST HELP YOU NOT FALL INTO THE ENEMY'S CAGE OF CONDEMNATION?**

## **Acknowledge the Power of the Holy Spirit**

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. - EPHESIANS 4:1-3*

If we live in a manner that is worthy to be called Christians or Christ's followers, we will not fall under the devil's influence. The keywords in this passage of Scripture are evident in the fruit of the Holy Spirit which is love (see Galatians 5:22,23). When we walk in God's love and be intentional in honouring Him in all we do, we will live free. God can also use us to help others be free.

## **Be in One Accord**

*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. - EPHESIANS 4:5,6*

*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. - EPHESIANS 4:15,16*

Satan is known as the accuser but the Holy Spirit is the Baptiser who baptises us into God's family and empowers us to live in freedom what Jesus purchased for us on the cross. As believers of Christ and children of God, we have the power and authority over the enemy!

**DISCUSS: CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE A THRIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY? HOW CAN YOU GROW IN THESE RELATIONSHIPS?**

## **PRAY**

(Remember to do this. Pray for one another; for everyone to live out the Word and for any other specific prayer needs)

Pray that all of us grow in these areas of our relationship with God: PRAY, MEDITATE, PROCLAIM and FELLOWSHIP. As we do this individually and as a church, pray that God continues to use us to change the atmosphere of society - from complaints and accusation to thanksgiving and blessings! Change can come through discipleship!



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