




Discussion Guide
Series: Origins Wk 2: Where Are You?
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 Big Idea
The origin of sin, and sin still today, has its roots in us individually liking to get our own way.


 Icebreaker
Ok...it's NFL Playoff season, who do you (in your unbiased opinion) really think will win the Superbowl?

 Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 2:15-17. Why do you think God didn't just give humanity complete freedom? What was He looking for from humanity in giving Adam & Eve this restriction? Did He give them/us more freedom or restriction? Does humanity tend to look at what it doesn't have/can't do at the expense of what it does have/can do & why?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-4. Here we see what was referred to as "The Joke" or "Sarcasm" by the serpent (Satan). What seed did his sarcasm plant in Eve? What seeds of this have you experienced others trying to plant within you? What seeds of this have you experienced Satan trying to plant within you by whispering in your ear? Why can this be an effective tool of Satan? What is our battle plan to fight against this?
3. Read Genesis 3:5-6. Here we see "The Lie" from Satan. What is it? What was Satan trying to get Eve to think about God? Fill in the following blanks of the lie: *You can't t_____ God. God does not have your b____ i_____ at heart.* What are some ways that believing this lie can manifest themselves in our lives today?
4. "The Tree": re-read Genesis 2:15-17. Why did God choose a tree and its fruit to be that which was prohibited? Fill in the following blanks: *Sin is taking something _____ and using it to be what only _____ can be in our lives.* What are some things in our life that we tend to do this with? What is the result of allowing that to happen in our lives?
5. Read Genesis 3:8-9 & 2 Corinthians 5:21. What does the fact that God, though knowing Adam & Eve had sinned, came looking for them (Genesis 3:8-9) tell you about regarding if you can trust Him and if He is for you or against you? "Another Tree": What do the facts of 2 Corinthians 5:21 tell you about whether you can trust Him and if He is for or against you? What is a proper response to your realization of this?

 Concluding Question

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 & 45. Share thoughts on this passage and the superiority of Christ and what He offers us and has done for us.

 Prayer

Read James 4:1-3. Construct your prayer time centered around the teachings of this passage.