



Series: The Gifts of Christmas
Passage: Genesis 3
Title: The Gift of Hope
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Discussion Starter – Do you have special memories that are associated with Christmas? Why is Christmas often thought of as a time of hope? How would you define “hope”? What makes hope different from wishing?

Read Genesis 3:1-6

1. What appears to be the goal of the serpent in this narrative? What is his strategy in approaching the woman?
2. Why was the knowledge of good and evil forbidden to humans? What was to be their guidance for their life in this garden?
3. How many ways did the serpent change God’s word as he tempted her to disobey God? How did the woman respond to the serpent’s claims?
4. What 3 avenues of temptation does the woman face? How are these similar or different from 1 John 2:16-17?
 - a. How does accurate knowledge of God’s Word provide us with understanding during temptation? What is required beyond knowledge of God’s word to achieve ultimate victory?
 - b. What model did Jesus give to address temptation?

Read Genesis 3:7-13

5. What is the human’s first realization after they eat the forbidden fruit? What was promised by the serpent in verse 5?
6. Who initiates the separation between God and man following the act of disobedience? Who initiates the restoration of the relationship?
7. What excuses are offered in response to God’s questions of the humans? What is God’s seeking to accomplish in His questions?
 - c. Do you justify your bad behaviors to others? To God? To yourself?

Genesis 3:14-24

8. What great promise for humankind is embedded in the curse of the serpent? How is it fulfilled, (Hebrews 2:14-15)?
9. What is the meaning of the name Eve? Why is her name significant?
10. What did God’s provide for Adam and Eve in response to their sin? What was foreshadowed in His provision?
 - d. The hope of victory over the serpent was given to humankind in Genesis. What is your response to God’s fulfillment of His promise? (Romans 15:13)