SMALL GROUP GUIDE
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# THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

## SERMON SUMMARY

Watch here: https://youtu.be/mcdSG4qEiq4

## INTRO

Share a Bible verse you currently have memorized, and one you'd like to memorize.

## READ

Genesis 3

## DISCUSSION

1. Start with a response to the passage/the sermon.

2. The serpent moves from questioning God's word ("Did God really say...?") to denying His warning ("You will not surely die") to attacking His character ("God is holding out on you"). Where do you see this same three-step pattern show up in the doubts or temptations you face today?

3. Pastor Mike says every self-help program, curated social media feed, or reputation management strategy is a modern "fig leaf," an attempt to cover shame on our own. What is a "fig leaf" you're tempted to reach for, or one you see around you?

4. Adam blames Eve (and, in effect, God); Eve blames the serpent. Nobody says "I made a mistake." Why do you think deflecting blame is such an instinctive human response to guilt?

5. God's question to Adam "Where are you?" wasn't for His own information... it was meant to make Adam see something about himself. If God asked you that same question today, what do you think He'd want you to see, or admit about yourself?

6. Even while pronouncing curses, God makes a promise (Gen. 3:15) and later clothes Adam and Eve at the cost of an animal's life. Where in your own life have you experienced God's grace showing up in the middle of consequences or hard circumstances?

**NOTES:**