

Outlaws and Outcasts
Week 1: Adam and Eve

Love God:

This first session is about recognizing and resisting temptation. Honesty and openness to change are crucial in this battle. During your prayer time ask God to help you be honest with yourself and one another and to be open to what He wants you to do.

Grow in Grace:

Name some famous outlaws – whether in history, books or movies. Why do we find these characters so fascinating?

Read: Genesis 3. Try a dramatic reading. Have someone be the narrator, snake, Eve, Adam, and the Lord.

1. What do you think life was like in the Garden before they ate the fruit?
2. Why do you think God placed the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden?
3. How does the snake tempt Eve and Adam? What does this tell you about how temptation works?
4. The serpent says, “your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God (also can be translated as gods), knowing good and evil” (v. 5). Why is it tempting to be gods? How is this temptation expressed in our day?
5. What is the fallout from eating the fruit? How is life different for everyone?
6. Based on this story, your experiences and what you’ve seen in others, why is temptation so powerful?
7. What methods have you found that help you recognize and resist temptation? How is God involved in this process?

Share with Others:

Here is where honesty, openness and trust come in: split into pairs and ask someone to hold you accountable in avoiding a temptation. Make a plan to check in with each other during the week.

Love God:

James says, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you” (James 4:7-8). Still in pairs, spend time praying for each other and drawing near to God to receive His help for what you’ve discussed.