

# BEYOND SUNDAY

God's Big Story — 3.1.2026

## Act 2: The Fall — Mark Tumney

*One note as you consider this passage: Encourage your group not to get sidetracked by discussing Satan and the serpent, but to focus carefully on what Genesis 3 itself is communicating.*

### Gather

*These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.*

1. Where do you see the "put myself first" instinct show up most easily in everyday life (work, family, decisions, reactions)?
2. Share a time when trusting God felt difficult. What made trust hard in that moment?

### Grow

*These questions guide your group through scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations that lead to greater understanding of scripture and of God's work in our lives.*

#### 1. Read Genesis 3:1-5

- What exactly is being questioned about God?
- How does the temptation shift from rule-breaking to trust-breaking?

#### 2. Read Genesis 3:6-7

- What do Adam and Eve hope to gain?
- What changes immediately after they eat?

#### 3. Read Genesis 3:8-13

- What stands out about Adam's response to God?
- Where do you see responsibility avoided or shifted?

#### 4. Read Genesis 3:8-19

- How did Adam and Eve's actions and response to God damage their relationship:
  - With God?
  - Within ourselves?
  - With one another?
  - With creation?

#### 5. Read Genesis 3:15, 21

- What signs of hope appear even in this chapter?
- How do these verses point forward to redemption fulfilled in Jesus Christ?

## Give / Go

*These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways of how we will give back to God and go share what we've learned through application and life change.*

1. If sin is ultimately about mistrust of God, where is God inviting you to trust Him more right now?
2. What is one concrete step you can take this week to live as a steward under God's rule rather than trying to rule on your own?

## Prayer

### **Scripture to pray together:**

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life..." — Romans 6:23

### **Prayer direction:**

Pray for restored trust in God where fear, shame, or control have taken root.

### **Group prayer question:**

How can we specifically pray for one another to trust God more deeply this week?

## Going Deeper

*Resources to explore the themes further.*

- **Video:** BibleProject — Genesis 1–11 Overview
- **Practice:** Daily examen description and practice from Duke University
- **Book:** God's Big Picture by Vaughan Roberts: <https://a.co/d/067sLAnE>