

## **BELIEF: THE NATURE OF SIN**

*Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-9*

### **MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK**

1. WHERE DOES SIN COME FROM?
2. WHAT IS SIN?
3. WHAT DOES SIN DO?
4. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT SIN?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group**

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. There is a lot of disagreement in our world. However, one thing that we can all agree on is that something is wrong with the world. What are some of the more common explanations you've heard for why the world is so messed up? How does the doctrine of sin help shape your understanding of the current state of things?
3. We see in Genesis 3 that at the root of every sin is the belief that we can't really trust God or that He loves us and wants what's best for us. What are some reasons you find it hard to trust that God is good and that He loves you? What are some reasons you DO trust that God is good and that He loves you?
4. Pastor Ryan talked about how we can try to be our own savior and lord either by breaking all the rules OR by trying to keep all the rules. What does it look like to try to get out from under God's authority by keeping the rules?
5. Because of sin, we all wrestle with shame. And just like Adam and Eve we have our own version of fig leaves that we hide behind to keep others from seeing us as we really are. What are some of your "fig leaves" that you hide behind?
6. This week's message was all about sin. Did this week's teaching impact your view on sin in any way?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Apart from Jesus our battle with sin is a battle we cannot win but in Jesus our battle with sin is a battle we cannot lose.