

# A WHOLE NEW WORLD

## Grasping – Week 3

### SERMON

#### SUMMARY

This week focused on Genesis 3 and the fall of humanity. The dynamics of temptation, shame and fear and the brokenness of our world were all in view. We also clearly saw the 4-way disruption of shalom/peace that occurs between God & humans, humans & humans, humans & themselves and humans & creation.

#### KEY VERSES

Genesis 3  
Romans 8:18-23  
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

### SERMON NOTES

#### LINK

<https://www.bible.com/events/49333088>



### DISCUSSION GUIDE

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1. Read Genesis chapter 3:1-6 out loud. Walk through the steps in the temptation of Eve and Adam.
  - a. What was the serpent's strategy?
  - b. Where did the humans go wrong? What can we learn from how they were deceived?
2. How can we strengthen our resistance to temptation in our daily walk with God?
3. Read Genesis chapter 3:7-13 out loud. Notice in this section that God asks three questions. Adam responds to the first two and Eve to the third.
  - a. What do you make of this part of the story?
  - b. Why is God asking questions?
  - c. What's happening to the relationships involved in this section of the story?
4. Read Genesis 3:14-20 out loud. What were the specific curses God pronounced on the serpent, Eve, and Adam?
5. How did the fall disrupt the peace (shalom) that existed in the Garden of Eden? (Think of peace as peace between humans and God/others/self/creation)
6. What hope do we have in Christ to see these curses reversed? (Read Romans 8:18-23 and 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 for help with the answer.)
7. Read Genesis 3:21-24 out loud. How does God's response to Adam and Eve's sin demonstrate both justice and mercy?

### PRAYER

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In the language of Romans 8, what do you "groan inwardly" for? Pray for the aspects of our broken, fallen creation that you long to see redeemed.