Sin And Temptation: Amplifying Darkness 1 What is Sin? Genesis 3 April 14

The Test of Reality -

- 1. Reflecting on Genesis 2:7-17, what significance do you find in God's provision of everything Adam and Eve needed within the garden along with God's invitation to "eat freely" which included the Tree of Life?
- 2. If Adam and Eve had chosen differently, what do you think life outside the Garden of Eden would have looked like given the command in Genesis 1:28 to "be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it."
- 3. Do you think Adam and Eve's decision to eat the forbidden fruit was solely about disobedience, or did it reflect a deeper desire for autonomy and self-definition?

More than a Broken Rule

- Discuss the difference between relying on our own judgment and gaining true wisdom from the Word of God. Compare what Eve saw and incorrectly concluded with what God made and commanded. (Genesis 2:9, 16 & Genesis 3:1-7)
- 5. Reflect on the notion that sin is not just about individual actions but about a fundamental rejection of God's authority and reality itself. How does this perspective shape your understanding of sin?
- 6. Reflect on God's mercy in not allowing Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of life after their fall. What does this reveal about God's intentions for humanity? (Genesis 3:22-24)

Choose: Faith or Sin?

- 7. How does sin, as described in Romans 7:15-18, impact our perception of reality and our ability to align with God's truth?
- 8. Why is it important that we continuously analyze the fruit or outcome of what we believe and do? Use Genesis 5:19-21
- 9. In what ways does faith serve as a contrast to sin, according to Hebrews 11:1 and Romans 14:23?