

## Week 4: Fall & Preservation

### Fellowship

- **Eat:** Ask someone else to bring the snacks and drinks to provide hospitality.
- **Check-Ins:** In a large group or small groups of 2-3 do an emotional check-in—What is something in your life you are trying to do *on your own* right now? How is that going? Pray for one another.

### Adoration

- **Prayer:** Pick a prayer from the Every Moment Holy Book. Read through it slowly. You could text pictures of the pages so people can follow along. Ask people to meditate on just one line from the prayer. Have a few people reflect on the experience, what was God highlighting to them?
- **Worship:** Play the Alphabet game. Play some quiet worship music in the background. Get a few posters of paper or just 26 sheets of paper. List “A, B, C…” and so on through “Z.” Have everyone walk around and write names or adjectives for God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At the end pray out these names and words.

### Learning

- **Scripture:**
  - Review the context and anything important from the week before. Just like Genesis 1-2 people may have read these passages many times before. Invite everyone to really focus on the literature and not all their preconceived notions. A couple pages of Historical-Cultural commentary has been provided if you want to explore more as you prep (Click the image below)!
  - Read **Genesis 3**
  - What phrases or words stood out? Can someone summarize what the author said? What is the underlying logic or pattern of the story?
  - What method does evil use to corrupt the goodness of Gen 1-2?
  - What is the result of humanities choices? Is there any hope?
- **Resources:**
  - Reading this story about a talking Serpent may seem odd for us moderns. Watch this introduction [video about “Spiritual Beings”](#) from the Bible Project ([find it here](#)). This will help establish an understanding of the Biblical Author’s understanding of the main characters and the cosmological backdrop of the God Story.
  - You could watch it together or watch it and summarize the teaching.
- **Dialogue Questions:**
  - Does this video change your reading of Genesis 3? What insights does it give you about the nature of the physical and spiritual worlds?
  - Do you relate to the pattern that happened in Genesis 3? Is it relevant to our modern lives?
  - Where do you see deception at work? What things are most likely to deceive you? Where are you most vulnerable to deception?
  - Look at the interaction between God and Noah in Genesis 9:1-17. You don’t need to read it all, but help the group make the parallel that Noah is portrayed like Adam and given a similar command and covenant.
- **Implications:**
  - How does an ancient passage of Scripture help make sense of our world? Does it?
  - How might this story impact our interpretation of our own life circumstances right now?