



MW

MANHOOD || WOMANHOOD

INTRODUCTION:

Describe a time in your life where something you planned fell apart. What did you feel? What was going through your mind?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK

Read Genesis 2:15-17

Who is God talking to? Note who is present and who is not present.

Read Genesis 3:1-7

What is the first question that the serpent asks Eve? Why do you think the serpent tried to misdirect Eve? What was Eve's response to the serpent's misdirection? Was she honest?

What are the three characteristics of the fruit that Eve remarked about? Read 1 John 2:15-17; which one(s) of the categorical sins did Eve struggle with at this moment? What does John promise in 17? How does that relate to Eve's situation in Genesis 3?

Where was Adam through this whole ordeal? Refer back to the first question in this section, the command was given to Adam, what was Adam's attitude through this episode? (Passivity).

This whole story is usually called "original sin". Try to come up with a simple definition of original sin? Answer the questions, what happened here? Why was God angry enough to punish all of humanity for Adam and Eve's sin?

TAKE IT HOME:

Now would be a good time to split into same gendered groups:

Men:

Why is it easy to be passive at home? What does it take to begin to reject passivity?

What are areas of your life where you have been passive that you could begin to be active in?

Anger can be godly if it's directed at sin and injustice, but is there ungodly aggression you need to confess?

Women:

Why is it easy to want to control everything as a woman? Are there areas of control in your life that you refuse to relinquish to your husband?

How well do you allow your husband to direct the smaller things of life?
Is your struggle more difficult with "big" decisions, or the small?

Are you prone to manipulate your husband? How do you most often do this?
How can you move toward honesty and asking for what you would like?