Genesis 3

It has been a crazy time in the mountains this past week! Spend some time sharing stories, needs you are aware of, praise points & then pray pray pray!!

Read Genesis 3 together.
- What immediately stands out to you?
- What questions does it raise (both in terms of within the story but also big theological questions)?
- How did you hear God speak to you through Jim's sermon on Sunday?

Describe the escalation of events from verse 1 to 6. How do Adam and Eve go from unbroken relationship with God in an idyllic setting to blatant disobedience in 6 verses?

Describe the immediate effect this has on their relationship with God from verses 8-10. Why do they respond this way? How do you respond when you do what you know is wrong or don't do what you know is right?

The significance of this singular event has enormous ramifications for human history and ripples across God's created world. Read Romans 5:12.
- How do you understand the entrance of sin into our world?
- Why is sin said to enter through Adam, and not Eve who ate first?
- What is the relationship between The Fall and subsequent sins of other individuals?

Read through the consequences/judgments of God in v14-19. Are these fair?
- How do you see these judgments enacted over the course of human history & to our lives today?

Where is the hope contained in this passage?

Many label verse 15 the *proto-evangel* (the first Gospel), how does Romans 5:12-19 help our understanding of how God will fulfill this promise?

Whether individuals are personally aware of it or not, Genesis 3 records an event that has repeated itself numerous times throughout human history.
- Have there been times when you have questioned the goodness of one of God's instructions? How did you respond to those thoughts?
- How do you respond to temptations?
- What does James 1:13-15 teach about the nature of temptations?
- Remind yourselves of the blessings of the New Covenant in 1 John 1:8-9. Finish by thanking God for his salvation despite our rebelliousness!