

Series: 2+4=1

Scripture and Background Information for January 31-February 06.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we'll be looking at **Genesis 3:1-7**. In Genesis 1-3, Moses tells us about the creation of the World and that God is the author of all. Genesis 1-2 talks about God's creation and how he placed men in his perfect creation. Genesis 3 gives us an insight into how this perfect creation was corrupted.

Background for:

After God created the Earth and prepared the garden for Adam and Eve, He placed them in the beautiful, perfect garden. God commanded Adam and Eve to eat from ALL the trees, except from one, and enjoy the creation God had made. While in the garden, Adam and Eve are approached by the Snake. The Snake tempted them so that they ate from the forbidden fruit. The results were devastating. Men lost the community to God, experienced spiritual death, and exile from the garden.

- What did the Snake question when approaching Eve?
- Compare the description of the garden (Genesis 2:8-17) to the Snake's temptation. How did the Snake portray God compared to the description of God that we get from the things he gave for men?
- How did the Snake change the focus of God's command? Remember, Adam and Eve were supposed to eat from ALL trees, except from one! How does the Snake change the emphasis?
- Why did God exile Adam and Eve from the garden? Did God started to hate men, or did he have a greater plan in mind?

Note: The Snake's temptation was primarily a lie about the goodness and trustworthiness of God's Word. Adam and Eve believed the word of the Snake rather than God's Word. Their sin was an execution of their inner beliefs. The destruction of creation and alienation from God were the results. When you face temptation, trust His Word because he wants the best for you!