

## Questions that Shape Us: Enemies Ask

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### Reflection & Discussion

#### **Questions have the ability to shape us in all sorts of ways**

Damaging questions can focus us on believing lies.

\*Can you think of a time you have been shaped, or de-formed, by a damaging question? Why was it impactful?

#### **From the very beginning, the enemy has also asked questions**

Read and discuss Psalm Genesis 3:1-7 (NIV)

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

**2** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

**4** "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

\*What do you notice in this passage about the question the serpent (enemy) asks?

\*What is the serpent actually questioning in asking "Did God really say...?"

\*How does this conversation seem to shape Eve's understanding of God?

#### **Insecurities grip our hearts when the enemy asks us questions**

>> Security (I am what I have)

>> Belonging (I am what others think of me)

>> Significance (I am what I do)

\*Which of these 3 lies ring in your head or heart most often?

\*Besides the enemy in this context, the devil, what other 'enemies' ask us questions?

\*What types of enemy-questions have you encountered and how have they shaped you?

#### **Enemy-asked questions cause us to doubt**

Sometimes the enemy can be distraction, comparison, competition, etc.

\*When are you most susceptible to the enemy's questions?

\*How do you combat damaging questions?

#### **Enemy-asked questions are lies, but God has truth**

As Christ-followers, the truth is we are loved, secure, and accepted.

\*How would you compare the difference between questions God asks and questions an enemy asks?

\*What do you sense the Spirit is saying about the questions enemies pose?

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