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1. Read Genesis 3:1-24. Summarize the entire story in your own words in twelve sentences or less. What is something unique that you discovered about sin, Satan, God, us?
2. Define evil biblically and practically in three sentences or less. How does a God-centered definition effect the way we view the world and the way that we live?
3. What relationships were broken when sin entered the world? Where and how do you see that revealed in Genesis 3?
4. How are evil and suffering distinct? How are they related?
5. What are the primary causes of our suffering in light of the Fall? On average, what percentage would say each attributes to your history of suffering? What does that teach you about your suffering?
6. How does Genesis 3:15 & 21 provide us with hope in our suffering?

Living it Out

1. How does the biblical view of the root of evil and the cause of suffering offer you hope? How does it not?
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