



**"Fear of God"**

January 23-29, 2011

**PRAYER**

- **Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer**

**OPEN**

When you were a kid, what was "off limits" to you? Were you ever tempted to push the envelope? What were the results?

**READ**

Read Genesis 3:1-24

**REFLECT:**

What does the word "Genesis" mean? It's a Greek word meaning "origin." It is the first of the 5 books called the Pentateuch or "Books of the Law."

From the message:

Verses 1-6      You hear the words of \_\_\_\_\_

Verses 7-13      You hear the words of \_\_\_\_\_

Verses 14, 16-19      You hear the words of \_\_\_\_\_

Verses 15, 20-24      You hear the words of \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDY**

What human weakness do you think the serpent exploited as he convinced Eve to taste the forbidden fruit?

Why did Adam and Eve hide?

Who do you feel was most responsible for what happened?

How do you feel about God's judgment in this story?

Adam and Eve tried to cover up their shame with fig leaves.

How do you generally react when you sin?

How has the relationship changed between the man and the woman?

How has the relationship between which they had with God changed?

**Here are three ways we can relate to God:**

**1. No Fear/No relationship – (Additional reading Psalm 36:1-4)**

**2. Fear God/No relationship – (Additional reading Matthew 25:14, 15, 24-30)**

**3. Fear God/Not afraid – (Additional reading Exodus 33:12-23)**

Which category do you fit into regarding how you relate to God?

How would you describe your relationship with God at the moment?

How can this group pray for you?