

What Kind Of Man Are You?

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Genesis 3:6-13

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Genesis 3:6 contains four words most people read right past: Adam was with her. The whole time the serpent talked, Adam stood there silent. Pastor Matt argued that men fail in two directions: aggression that dominates, and passivity that avoids. Genesis 3 shows the passivity first, then the blame, when Adam points at his wife and, underneath it, at God. Pastor Matt redefined strength as the capacity to carry weight, not the power to exert force. A husband gives himself up so his wife and children are lifted. That takes crucified pride, not raw aggression.

To get started

- What is a responsibility you took on before you felt ready for it?

Looking back at the message

Both failures were named. Make sure the group does not only discuss the one they are not.

- 1 Aggression and passivity are two directions of the same failure. Which one gets talked about more, and why do you think the other stays quiet?
- 2 Pastor Matt defined strength as the capacity to carry something substantial, not the power to dominate. How does that compare to the definitions of strength you grew up with?
- 3 Pastor Matt was open about how a season without work affected him as a man. What did his honesty add to the message? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Genesis 3:6-13 aloud. Verse 6 has a phrase that is easy to read past.

- 4 Read Genesis 3:6. Where exactly is Adam while the serpent talks to Eve, and what does he do?
- 5 Read verses 9-12. When God asks Adam what happened, who does Adam mention before himself? Trace the order of the blame.
- 6 Adam and Eve sew fig leaves before God arrives. What are they trying to do, and how well does it work?
- 7 God asks questions he already knows the answers to: where are you, who told you? Why do you think God asks instead of accuses? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Ownership and guilt are different things; Pastor Matt separated them and it is worth keeping separate here.

- 8 Pastor Matt distinguished taking ownership from taking blame. What is the difference, and which one is harder for you?
- 9 Where in your life is it easier to be present than to be responsible?
- 10 Pastor Matt described cherishing a wife with the image of a bird warming its eggs: steady, protective, close. What would that look like in an ordinary week?
- 11 What is one thing you have been standing beside, silently, without saying anything about? OPTIONAL

The group together

Men in the room may not have anyone asking them these questions elsewhere.

- 12 Aggression needs humility and passivity needs weight. Which of those does a man in your life most need to hear, and who would he actually hear it from?
- 13 Who is the person you would let ask you how things are really going?
- 14 What could this group do so a man here who is struggling would not have to raise it first?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one weight you could pick up this week that you have quietly been leaving for someone else to carry?

You might pray about

- For men here who feel behind and have not said so
- For pride that needs crucifying rather than managing
- For households where someone has been present but absent
- For fathers and husbands to be cherished and to cherish