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"Fall" January 20, 2019 – Mark Swayze

GATHER (choose one Gather question to share as everyone settles in to the group time)

- On a scale from 1 to 4, how has your week been?
- Where have you seen God this week?
- What is one joy you want to share with the group this week?

PLANT

Chapter 2 in God's Story (the one we call the fall) starts with a talking snake, but it really gets going when humanity talks back.

- Read the conversation between Eve and the serpent in Genesis 3:1–7. Discuss what stands out to you about the way the conversation proceeds.
- Do you see any connection between this first temptation and the temptations in your own life?

GROW/HARVEST

- Read Romans 3:23-24 aloud together from your Bibles. In this passage, Paul talks about the way in which
 we are all sinful. We have all fallen short of God's will for our lives. Yet there is hope. Paul also
 references the way in which God has begun to reverse the curse through Jesus. In light of the
 forgiveness offered through Christ, take a moment to reflect on the following questions together, or
 silently through a time of repentance and/or confession.
- Over the past days and weeks, how have the effects of the fall wormed their way into my own life?
- In what ways have I sensed the brokenness of this world?

PRAYERS

• Share prayer requests around the group and then either the leader or a volunteer can pray for the group. You may want to jot down those requests so you can remember to follow up next week.