

DEFILEMENT

Genesis 3:1–24

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DISCUSSION questions

1. Things that are supposed to be nice but end up filthy can be a real turn-off, such as a restroom or a restaurant. Share about a time when you had to deal with something really gross. Talk about your blown expectations and how you dealt with them.
2. Read Genesis 3:1–7. How did the serpent get the best of Adam and Eve? Pay careful attention to the serpent's words and Eve's response.
3. Read Genesis 3:7. What was Adam and Eve's immediate reaction to the eating of the fruit? Explain the impact of their sin on their relationship with each other, with the Lord and with the world in which they lived.
4. Look carefully at Genesis 3:16–17. Give attention to the word "pain" or "painful" found in these two verses. What did Pastor Matthew say was the significance of these words relative to the mandate given mankind in Genesis 1:28?
5. What are the implications of fall/defilement for how we think about vocation and work in general? Explore what fall/defilement might mean for things like business ethics, labor practices, fair wages, hiring injustices, and so forth.

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