

Trusting in the Goodness of God

God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption

Genesis 3:1-24

Aspirations of Autonomy

Genesis 3:6

Autonomous assessments lead to autonomous appetites which lead to autonomous actions which lead to destruction.

1. **Autonomous _____.**
 - a. What Eve did.
 - b. What we do.
 - c. The result.

2. **Autonomous _____.**
 - a. The effect upon Eve's desires.
 - b. The effect upon our desires.
 - c. The results.

3. **Autonomous _____.**
 - a. What Eve did.
 - b. What we do.
 - c. The result.

Questions for Discussion

- In Gen. 3:6, how does Eve assess the value of the prohibited tree? How does this differ from God's assessment? What does this say about how Eve is thinking about herself? About God?
- In what ways are you tempted to assess things differently from God? How does this demonstrate a desire for autonomy? When is this temptation greatest for you?
- What words in v 6 indicate the development of Eve's desire for this fruit? What do you think she found most desirable (cf. v 5 and 6)? What had she done that allowed her desires to grow?
- Think of appetites you have that you know to be wrong. Make a list of things you are really wanting from these things (e.g. comfort, significance, acceptance, intimacy, vindication, etc.). How does the gospel speak to the satisfaction of each of your deeper desires?
- What four actions are recorded at the end of v 6? What had cleared the way for Eve to act?
- What clears the way for you to act? What must change for you to have consistent victory over sin?