

## What Was I Made For?

A Christian Understanding of Identity •

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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Genesis 3 records the fall of humanity. Here, the security and intimacy enjoyed earlier are replaced by mistrust and alienation. However, sin does not ultimately define Adam and Eve, and it does not define us either. Sin is a part of who you are in the present, but it is neither a foundational nor a final aspect of your identity.

## Read Genesis 3:1-10.

- How would you define sin as it is described in these verses?
- What is the primary focus of the serpent's dialogue with Eve? How does he specifically create doubt in her mind about God (Genesis 3:1-5)? (see 1 John 2:15-16)
- Are there people in your life who have mocked or ridiculed your faith in this way (Genesis 3:1b)?
- What are the specific actions and emotions that now define humanity's relationship with God experienced here first by Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:8-10)?
- How does the Gospel show up in this passage (Genesis 3:9)? (see Luke 19:10)
- In what ways does the presence of sin challenge your identity in Christ today?

## Pray Together

Holy Spirit, help me face the sin in my life but not be defined by it.