



# essentials

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

## MAN'S FALL

Familiarize yourselves with what is happening in these passages

Genesis 3:1-34

### EXAMINING THE TEXT

1. The serpent is described as more crafty, cunning and subtle than all other creatures. How is that seen in its dialogue with the woman?
2. What did the serpent promise the woman if she would eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil?
3. Was there anything the serpent promised the woman that man already had from God?
4. Most people would say that knowledge is good and even knowing good and evil is a real advantage. What is wrong with man eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Contrast the results the serpent promised the woman as a result of eating the tree of knowledge, with the actual results that mankind experienced.
2. Analyze Adam and Eve's response to God as He confronted them with what they had done. What does that tell us about people's typical response to their sins?
3. God's solution to man's sin is to send a Saviour (Gen. 3:15). What are some modern solutions that mankind has come up with to "deal" with their sin?

### THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. Are you more willing to see your sin for what it really is now? How will seeing sin for what it really is help you in your daily life?
2. How often have you tried to excuse away your sin? Which methods of avoidance do you use?