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**Study Questions for the November 14, 2021 Sermon:**  
**“The Fall”**  
**Genesis 3:13**

1. *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men[e] because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. - Romans 5:12-17.*

In this verse, and in 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, the reader is encouraged to find parallels between Adam and Jesus. What are two ways that Adam and Jesus:

- a. Were alike?
  - b. Differed?
2. If you believe we can be sinning when not taking any action, explain why.
  3. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating a piece of fruit. God responded by blasting the entire universe with corruption, disease, and death, and sending billions of human beings into eternal punishment. Was God's response disproportionate?
  4. According to Jude 6, why are the fallen angels fallen?
  5. If you know of verses that give insight into the fall of Satan, share with the class.

6. Pastor Paul said that it was good to set personal boundaries that help protect you from temptation. (Examples: Not drinking at all if you are prone to alcohol abuse. Never opening the internet while alone if you are tempted to view ungodly websites.) However, it was bad to do what with your personal boundaries?
7. Eve saw that the fruit on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was attractive and expected it to be tasty. Her senses told her one thing, God told her another.
  - a. If you have any strategies for choosing God's will over your senses, share with the class.
  - b. What strategy for overcoming temptation was emphasized in the sermon?
8. Explain how, in Genesis 3:7-8, we see humanity first experiencing shame, dissatisfaction, and fear of God's presence.
9. The sermon closed with a discussion of two things that will enable believers to overcome temptation and fight evil. What were they? (Hint: one was "vertical" and one was "horizontal".)