COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

OVERLOOKED
Message Series

EVE: HOPE AFTER THE FALL
For the week of November 1, 2026

RVCC GRAHAM

Bottom Line: Our greatest messes and mistakes are never greater than God's grace.

Icebreaker

1. What is a harmless mistake or embarrassing moment that your friends or family still won't let you forget?

Read Genesis 3:1–7

2. When you read the story of Adam and Eve, what stands out to you about the temptation and the choices they make?

3. Jeff pointed out that Eve has often received most of the blame for the Fall, even though Genesis shows Adam was present and Scripture holds both responsible. Why do you think we are so quick to define people by their failures—or assign blame when something goes wrong?

Read Genesis 3:14–20

4. Consequences are very real in this story, but God also gives a promise of hope in Genesis 3:15. What does it reveal about God that grace begins showing up while Adam and Eve are still standing in the middle of the mess?

5. After Adam and Eve recognize their shame, God makes clothing for them and covers them. What does that small act tell you about God's posture toward people who have failed?

6. Jeff said, "Hope isn't just for after the mess or mistake gets cleaned up, but it is present right at the point that we make our biggest mistakes." Why can that be difficult to believe when you are living with regret or consequences?

Read Romans 5:15–21

7. Paul repeatedly contrasts Adam's sin with the even greater grace offered through Jesus. What words or ideas in this passage give you the most hope?

8. Where are you most tempted to believe that a mistake, failure, addiction, broken relationship, financial decision, or something else in your past is simply too big for God to redeem?

Application

Take a few quiet moments and identify one mess, mistake, or source of shame that you have been tempted to believe defines your story. Then pray: *"Jesus, help me believe that Your grace is greater than this."*
If appropriate, share it with someone in your group and allow them to pray for you.
This week, whenever shame tells you, "This is just who you are now," return to Romans 5:20 and remind yourself: **Where sin increased, grace increased all the more.**

Close by praying that God would help your group become people who break cycles of shame and fear by continually pointing one another toward the grace of Jesus. Jeff's message ends with that invitation: God has already chosen to extend grace, forgiveness, and love through Jesus, and our failures do not get the final word.

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Bottom Line: Failure is not the end of your story because God refuses to be done with you.

Icebreaker

1. Who is someone from history, sports, entertainment, or your own life who is often remembered for one moment—even though there was much more to their story?

Read Genesis 3:1–7

2. Most people remember Eve primarily for what she got wrong. Why is it so easy for one failure to become the defining story we tell about ourselves or someone else?

3. Joe challenged the common idea that Eve deserves more blame than Adam. What changes when we read the story as one of shared human failure rather than looking for one person to blame?

Read Genesis 3:14–15

4. Before the consequences of sin fully unfold, God gives a promise that evil will ultimately be defeated. What does that teach you about God's response to human failure?

5. Imagine hearing this promise as Eve—without knowing anything yet about Jesus, the cross, or the resurrection. What kind of faith would it take to keep believing that God would make things right?

Read Genesis 4:25

6. After Cain murders Abel and leaves, Eve names another son Seth in language that appears to echo God's earlier promise. What does her response reveal about how she has changed?

7. Joe described Eve's story as a transformation "from being faithless in paradise to being faithful in tragedy." Why do you think hardship sometimes produces a deeper faith than comfort does?

8. Where in your life do you need to trust that God's promises are greater than your failures or your current circumstances?

Application

Eve could have allowed her worst decision and greatest losses to convince her that God was finished with her. Instead, she continued to trust His promise. This week, identify a place where you have been saying:
"My story is over." - "I've messed this up too badly." - "God can't do anything with this now."
Replace that statement with: *"Jesus gets to write the final chapter."*

Then take one tangible step of trust. That might mean:

Asking God for forgiveness - Talking honestly with someone you trust - Re-engaging a relationship
Seeking help for an area where you feel stuck - Taking a next step toward Jesus for the first time

Close by praying for anyone carrying regret, shame, disappointment, or grief. Ask God to help you believe what Eve eventually believed: God's promise is greater than what has gone wrong.