

1) What does it mean to sin?

2) Sin effectively turns us away from God. Reconciliation effectively turns us back to God. According to your Baptismal identity how do we recognize both sin and reconciliation in our lives daily? (name 3 things that keep us falling)

3) How is it possible that the first 2 acts of God's story are only found in the first 3 chapters of the Bible, yet they dominate the rest of the story? How can this be? Why do you think that this is or isn't true?

4) Based on the readings for the week:

- a) What did Adam and Eve recognize about themselves as soon as they ate from the fruit of the tree of knowledge?
- b) What was King David trying to say in his Psalm to the Lord? What does it say about our needs? What does it say about who God is?
- c) When Jesus was tempted by the Adversary (the Devil) he tries to remove Jesus identity, how?
- d) In 1 John, we hear words of confession....what does this illustrate about our relationship with God?

Readings for this week:

Genesis 3

Psalm 51

Matthew 4:1-11

1 John 1:1-10

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice recognizing when you fall, as David (who wrote Psalm 51) recognized his fall /sin with Bathsheba, pleads to God for mercy. What might you recognize in your falling? Practice confessing your fall to God for healing. (Privately and publicly) Make sure you hear words of forgiveness when you do this...."your sins are forgiven!"