Jacob's Well Church
Knowing God, Loving People, Transforming Lives

Community Group Homework
The week of July 5 – 11, 2009

Sermon: "Paradise lost" 7-5-09

Getting Started:

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain?

2. As we grew up each one of us was taught to view sin differently.
    a. How was sin characterized in your home growing up?

    b. How has that view of sin impacted your life?

3. Sin has devastating consequences that deeply affect all of us. Think about a time in which sin, yours or someone else's, had devastating consequences.
    a. How has that experience impacted your view toward sin?

    b. Has that experience impacted the way you view God?

4. Read 1 John 2:16. John addresses 3 categories of sin, what are they? List one or two things in each category that you struggle with? If you feel comfortable share this with the group.

5. Read Ephesians 4:17-24. What does Paul say about the way we are to live in regard to sin as Missional Followers of Jesus Christ?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Temptation to sin in an inescapable reality of life. What are some practical things we can do to overcome temptation?

Digging Deeper:

7. Sin can be subtle; it creeps into our lives, almost undetected and begins to cause damage. Each of us have areas of "habitual disobedience" in our lives, areas where we consistently fail to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.
    a. What are some areas of "habitual disobedience" in your life?

    b. How can you strive to eliminate them?

8. In light of what John says in 1 John 1:5-10 how should we respond to sin?

9. Is there anything that you need to do as a result of what you have learned this week?