

Current Series  
**“Through the Eyes  
Of Jesus”**

February 28 to April 18

## 1. “Life as Jesus Sees It”

### Message Outline

#### 1. Trust is an essential element of faith

- a) Why do people have a difficult time trusting God?

#### 2. The way we see life (see Genesis 3:1-11)

- a) Adam and Eve had an intimate relationship with God  
b) When tested, Adam and Eve did not trust God to have their best interests at heart  
c) Adam and Eve saw only the attractiveness of the forbidden fruit without considering its dangers  
d) As descendents of Adam and Eve, we are *“born in the bushes”* lacking trust in our Creator God

#### 3. The way Jesus sees life (see Matthew 4:1-11)

- a) Jesus was born into a fallen world, knowing that this was not what it was intended to be like  
b) Jesus had an intimate relationship with God  
c) When tested, Jesus trusted God to have his best interests at heart and that He would provide everything he needed  
d) Jesus’ response Satan’s tests was to remain steadfast in his trust in God’s promises

#### 4. Life as it was always meant to be

- a) Beautiful and abundant  
b) In intimate relationship with our creator God  
c) Trusting in the promises and provisions of God

### TAKE HOMES (points to remember)

- i) We are *“born in the bushes”* lacking \_\_\_\_\_  
ii) As a result, the way we \_\_\_\_\_ is distorted  
iii) If we see life as Jesus sees it, we would \_\_\_\_\_ God and not be afraid

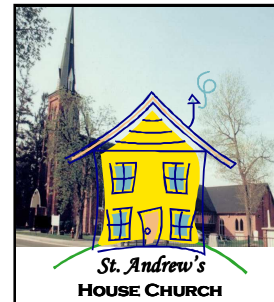
### FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

We encourage you to discuss these issues during the coming week as a

- Study Guide for House Church
- Time of reflection individually or with members of your family

### Warm-Up

Why do you sometimes find it hard to trust God? When have you been surprised by God’s faithfulness? When have you been disappointed by God?



1. How important is trust as an element of faith? Why?
2. What happened to Adam and Eve’s understanding of God (the way they saw Him) as a result of their act of independence?
3. Adam and Eve expected God to punish them harshly for their disobedience. What did God actually do? (see Genesis 3:21)
4. How is your understanding of God and the way you see life affected by your lack of trust in God?
5. What are the actual consequences of our independence from God? (see Genesis 3:22-24)
6. Examine the three quotes that Jesus used in response to the tests of Satan and consider how these promises might affect the way you see life. (see Matthew 4:1-10)
7. Look up Proverbs 3:5-12 in The Message translation and discuss the implications of this passage for the way we see life and our relationship with God.

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