

SESSION 1 - FROM REBELLION TO RELATIONSHIP

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

“Turn the Page” by coming back to God and committing yourself to live in relationship with him.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1-24

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

These are designed to help your group start talking. Feel free to find your own icebreaker or maybe a lead a conversation already taking place in the group toward the main idea. Use the opening thought to ease conversation into the Bible discussion.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

The story in Genesis 3 is often called “The Fall”. It might be good to think through why that is and what exactly is at stake in this story. Scripture gives us very little details about important moments in the story, so encourage your group to think about redemption, sin, and relationship. We’ll be talking about relationship and sin for the rest of this guide, so it might be useful to connect those two ideas together.

There are no right or wrong answers in talking about Scripture, which might be nice to remind your group. Many times people think they have to share something brand-new or never-before-thought-of, when the goal is actually to engage deeply with the text.

LIFE APPLICATION

Some of these questions might be unsettling to consider and are potentially very vulnerable questions, so please go first if you think your group might need an example of vulnerability to help them become comfortable enough to share. There are no right or wrong answers with these questions, especially those dealing with our experiences and perspectives. Give your group permission to say what’s on their hearts and minds.

For question 6, you might be ready with some humorous examples of what is and isn’t a sin – like playing cards or dancing. Then be ready with an example that might be more vulnerable or deeper. Encourage your group to deal deeply with the NT Wright quote on sin being a missed opportunity. What could that mean? How does that change our lives?

CHALLENGE

Over the next eleven weeks we’re going to dive deeply into the Bible, exploring and learning as we go! Commit to engaging with scripture daily through the Turn the Page Bible Experience, either in email form or as a podcast! (Sign up at communitychristian.org/bible or on the COMMUNITY App) Then also commit to coming for the whole series – take a chance, a leap, or a next step to see what that could do to turning from rebellion to relationship with God!