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Week 2 Leader Guide

THE WIN

The group member will begin to discover misconceptions and understand their brokenness and need for a Savior outside of themselves.

1-2
minutes

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The story of God is broken up into four main Acts: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Victory. In Act 2, we experience the painful and difficult part of God's story. Here we find answers to suffering, prejudice, hate, death and every affliction to man and creation.

Ask this: What thoughts are still resonating with you from this week's sermon?

3-5
minutes

WARM UP

Option 1 Ask This: What was one of the worst lies you were told growing up? What were the results of you believing that lie?

Option 2 Ask This: When you were a kid or teenager, what is something you got caught doing and how did you react?

30-35
minutes

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

DO THIS:

Have someone read Genesis 3:1-6

Ask This:

- What did God say to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:16-17?
- How is that different from what the serpent said?
- What did the serpent imply about God's character?
- What did the serpent suggest about God's motives?

DO THIS:

Have someone read Isaiah 48:17

ASK THIS:

- After reading Isaiah 48:17 why do you have confidence in God's motive and character or why do you tend to doubt His motive and abilities at times?

READ THIS: Revelation 12:7-9,17

ASK THIS:

- In general, why would you say you tend to submit to authority or rebel against it?
- How did Satan's personal rebellion against God ultimately cause far-reaching consequences for each one of us today?

READ THIS: Genesis 3:7-11. Have someone read Psalm 32:5, 1 John 1:8, and John 10:10

ASK THIS:

- What barriers are keeping you from confessing and turning away from any pattern of sin that prevents you from experiencing the rich and satisfying life God intends for you?
- Why do you think we try to hide our weaknesses, failures and sins from each other and from God?
- What does Hebrews 4:13- 16 have to say about this?
- How can we be deceived into believing differently?
- In what ways can Jesus help us overcome our weaknesses?

DO THIS:

Partner into groups of 2 and reflect on two key events in your life, which have shaped and influenced the other elements of your life. Share about the events, the situations, or people surrounding it, and why/how it shaped the other elements of your life and how you saw God's grace operating in these events.

3-5
minutes

DIGGING DEEPER

READ THIS: Genesis 3:9,15, and 21

ASK THIS:

- Where do you see God's grace in this story? What did you learn about God in this story? About people? About God's world?

3-5
minutes

CLOSING THOUGHT

LEADER TIP: *It's important to acknowledge our brokenness and the brokenness of those around us. Satan has deceived us all and we believe lies about God, our self and others. Acknowledgement of this can lead us to look at people the way God does, despite our mess, he still loves us, pursues us and rescues us.*

ASK THIS:

- Being aware that all people have been affected by the fall, how can you be intentional about sharing the life and hope of Jesus in your areas of influence?

DO THIS: Pray together as a group, for everyone individually and any needs expressed during the discussion.

STUDY