

CHAPTER 2 - SALVATION & LORDSHIP

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- Were you more of a rule follower or rule breaker as a kid? What about now?

INTRODUCTION

Once the first humans sin, the Bible records a series of tragedies that follow. Adam and Eve are forced to leave the garden sanctuary of God's presence (Genesis 3). Then, one of their sons kills his brother (Genesis 4) and from there, matters only become worse. Abuse, violence, enslavement, sexual brokenness, family destruction... all of these terrible fruits grow from the lives of those who ate from the tree of knowledge.

God's very good world was now corrupted by evil. This is a piece of Christian truth that's as easy to demonstrate as turning on the news. Brokenness is still everywhere. How could God possibly fix a world like ours? Furthermore, how could he fix individual lives like ours?

To discover the answer to that question, we must first learn what he did after the garden—after the first rebellion—to save the humans from their own sinful choices.

DISCUSSION

LEADER TIP: Ground your discussion time directly in the Scriptures as much as possible. Encourage group members to open their Bibles to different Scripture passages as they are brought up in conversation.

- What is something new you learned in the Scriptures this week? Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
- What stood out to you from Israel's story?
- Pick 2-3 "Study" questions from the chapter to discuss. Here are a few possible places to start:
 - Exercise 1, Study Questions 1-3
 - Exercise 2, Study Question 2
 - Exercise 5, Study Question 2

APPLICATION

- How is God calling you to apply these biblical foundations to your life?
- Pick 1-2 "Reflect" and "Respond" exercises to discuss. For example:
 - Exercise 3, Respond
 - Exercise 4, Respond

PRAYER

As you pray, ask God specifically to open your eyes so that his promise to rescue you from sin would become clear to you in the Bible today. Welcome his presence to teach and guide you.