



# TURN *the* PAGE

## SESSION 1 – FROM REBELLION TO RELATIONSHIP

### SERIES BIG IDEA

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

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1-24

### ICE BREAKER

What’s a book you could read over and over again or a movie you could watch over and over again? Why that book or movie?

### OPENING THOUGHT

Committing to reading the Bible can be hard because so many of us find the Bible intimidating or confusing or maybe both. However, reading the Bible can lead to continual spiritual growth and is an important part of being a Christ follower. This series is about helping us explore the Bible in deeper ways. What has been your experience reading the Bible?

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. Read Genesis 3:1-24, what stood out to you or struck you?
2. Looking at the text, what moments are there where the rebellion of Eve and Adam could have been averted?
3. Where is relationship broken or where is there tension in this story? In what way is God still moving toward Adam and Eve in relationship? What does that say about God?

### LIFE APPLICATION

4. It’s easy for us to see the disaster coming for Adam and Eve, easy to want to tell them how to keep it from happening, but what are those moments that we could do the same to our past-selves? How can we recognize those in the future?
5. Adam and Eve heard God’s command yet questioned it later. Can you share a time in your life when you heard From God but later questioned what you’d heard or whether it was even true? What happened as a result of that questioning?
6. This story is the moment sin enters into the lives of Adam and Eve, their first conscious decision to rebel against God. What were you taught about ‘sin’? Was there a defined list of what is and isn’t sinning?
7. Read the quote from NT Wright below and discuss how this could change our understanding of what ‘sin’ is. What could expanding the idea of ‘sin’ do to our lives? What would have to change?

**“Sin is not simply the breaking of a law; it is the missing of an opportunity.” –N.T. Wright**

### CHALLENGE

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### ICE BREAKER & 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?

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