



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 3: God's People Rebel—Genesis 3

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?
How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?
How is this the world's story?*

PRAYER

God, we bow our heads and heart before you. We confess that at times we forget that we are Yours. We also confess that sometimes we live as if there is no God. In doing so, we cannot be credible witness to You. We ask Your forgiveness from these shortcomings. We also ask for Your wisdom and strength. Give us open minds, open hearts and open hands so that we may be an effective witness to Your love in our world. Amen.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Each day this week name at least one thing you have either found shame in or blamed another for. For example, are you feeling a sense of shame over a particular sin? Have you blamed someone at school or in your home that shouldn't have been blamed? After you name these issues in your life, write a prayer to God asking Him to help you remember that through Jesus Christ and our relationship with Him, there is no reason why we need to live in shame or live by blaming others.

BECOMING MY STORY

Thessalonians 4:1-12

1 John 2:15-17

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 3, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 3?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 3?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 3 and read them this week, journaling as you go.