

RELATIONSHIP

BECAUSE LOVE REQUIRES CHANGE

WEEK 2 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- Growing up, how did your family resolve conflicts? Did you talk it out? Was there yelling? Or did you ignore all conflicts?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

Read Genesis 3:1-24 as a group.

- **Refer to Genesis 3:11-14.**
As humans we naturally don't like to admit when we mess up. These verses show how since the beginning this has been one of our downfalls; instead of admitting it was our fault, we blame others. **Who is blaming who for what in these verses?**
- **Refer to Genesis 3:14-19**
God is NEVER surprised by our actions, both good and bad, and He loves no matter our actions, both good and bad. He loves us through it all like parents love their children no matter what! And yet, there are still consequences for our actions. **How does this scripture describe the consequences to Adam and Eve's sin?**
- Because of the sin in Genesis 3, a lot of death and sadness has entered the world. But we have hope in Jesus. In this moment of Genesis 3, God knew he would have to send Jesus. **How does knowing this show God's character?**
- In Colossians 3:13, Paul writes, "*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*" It is clear that God calls us to forgive others no matter the circumstances. This verse does NOT say *forgive as the Lord forgave you except for _____*. God calls us to forgive EVERYONE. No matter what. That doesn't mean we have to forget. It also does NOT mean to stay in an abusive relationship. It means God asks us to forgive because it frees us and because God has forgiven us! **Are you**

someone who is quick to forgive? Or do you hold on to stuff? After reading Colossians 3:13, how do you feel about forgiveness?

- **Read Matthew 18:15-20**

This passage is about how to resolve conflict. **After reading, what are the three steps it says you might need to walk through to resolve a conflict? Is this how you currently resolve conflict in your life? If not, how could you apply this?**

CALLING

- Who in your life do you need to spend some time forgiving? Maybe write it down and read it outloud to God? Maybe talk to that person?
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 or use the Study tab in Northside's mobile app for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."* - **Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)**
- **Further Study:** Add one of more of these books to your summer reading list:
 - *Forgiving what you can't forget* by Lysa Terkeurst
 - *Enemies of the Heart* by Andy Stanley