

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

## "FAMILY OF ORIGIN: ADAM AND EVE" JULY 10 & 11

### SERIES OVERVIEW:

You are NOT disqualified from real life with God, even though life is messy. Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking we are beyond hope when we find ourselves battling the same sins and temptations. Having a clear understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus means that we are forgiven, walking in grace and NOT perfect. We are a work in progress, and so are the people around us. As we learn to know God better and better, He equips us with everything we need to live in His will and be pleasing in His sight. (Hebrews 13:21)

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.  
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

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### OPENING PRAYER:

*About 2 minutes*

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.

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### BIG IDEA:

*About 1 minute to read*

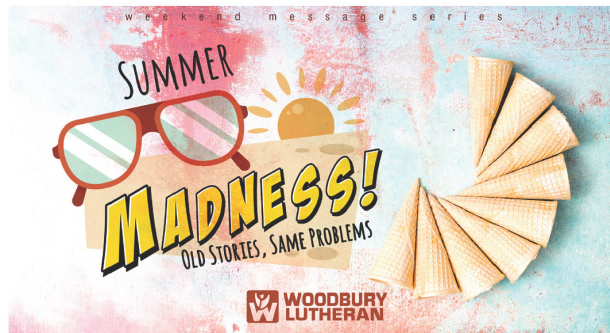
You would think the first family would have an advantage, with only God to look to as their parent. But Adam and Eve both ate the fruit and then out of fear tried to hide. Upon being found out they both tried to pass the buck to avoid responsibility. Then one son murdered another and became a fugitive. Sin makes us want to cover up and hide. But Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death. We don't have to hide. We can turn to Jesus in the midst of the mess.

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### INTRO QUESTION:

*About 10 minutes*

Sometimes we attempt a household repair or cleaning project only to make things worse. When has that happened to you? How did you feel and how did you respond to the situation?



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He [Adam] replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." - Genesis 3:10 NLT

### Reflect

**Read the full passage in your Bible - Genesis 3:1-10.**

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might God be calling you to repent of or realign in your life?

What would acting upon this or obeying God look like? Be curious...and then do it.

### DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**

**What might God be inviting you to do?**

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### SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

*About 40-45 minutes*

Read the entire scripture passage aloud as a group and discuss the questions on the card above. Use the [Discussion Help sidebar](#) to encourage deeper discussion.

When we mess up, our natural inclination is to hide, cover up, and shift blame. But God meets us in our mess not only with truth, but also with grace, provision, and protection. How do you see these actions in the Genesis account of Adam and Eve?





Read Romans 8:1-14. Think of a time when you were wrong/made a mistake, and were shown grace and forgiveness instead of condemnation. How did that experience impact the way you responded to that person in the future?

## 5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 3 minutes

Read this section aloud. Invite the group to take the steps suggested. Discuss next time what the Lord revealed to you in this reflection time.

# TAKE IT DEEPER

### Live It Out

*Spend this week praying these words from Psalm 139:24 & 25, "Search me O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Then ask yourself, "where am I allowing people in our community of faith to know me?" What might a next step be to open up to others?*

### Pray

Talk to God about the fears that you're aware of. Ask him to reveal them to you.

Share with him the ways that you hide and cover, the ways that you isolate from really being known.

Thank God that he knows you intimately and that he welcomes you to himself, just as you are. Period.

## 6

### CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 15 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a moment of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally.

Share prayer requests in pairs. Ask a group member to close the group time with the following prayer:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for stepping into our mess. Help us not to hide, but to bring all our sins and failures to You for Your healing and redemption. We offer these specific messes in our lives and in our hearts to You in a time of silent prayer now...*[pause for silent prayer]*. Thank You for Your sacrifice on the cross that paid for our sin in full. Help us to know You more and more and to live in the power that the Holy Spirit gives, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen."