



WEEK 7

Topic: Even in judgment, God provides life, covering, and hope.

Takeaway: You live outside the garden, but you're not outside God's care.

Welcome/OpenInPrayer

Introductions: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above.

GodStories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Reviewfromlastweek: Where did you notice yourself tempted to hide this week, and how did you respond differently?

Reviewguidelines: Go over the guidelines below with your group.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT**



Ask a thought-provoking question to get the group focused

When have you had to live with a "new normal"? What helped you adjust?

Share background and provide context to the Bible story.

Genesis was written by Moses under the inspiration of God during Israel's wilderness journey after the exodus from Egypt. Israel was surrounded by pagan nations whose creation stories were filled with myths, idols, and false gods, in contrast to Israel's account of the one true God as Creator. Israel was being formed into a covenant nation under God's law, distinct from surrounding peoples and their practices. The creation account reflects the beginning of God's dealings with mankind, the seriousness of sin, and the establishment of divine order in the world. The Garden of Eden narrative set Israel apart from pagan fertility cults by grounding human origins, marriage, work, and worship in God's design rather than man-made deities. The passage was foundational for Israel's understanding of humanity, sin, and God's holiness in contrast to the religious corruption of surrounding nations...and now the story from God's Word



SHARE THE STORY
Genesis 3:20-24



REBUILD THE STORY



READ THE STORY



Dive Deeper
WITH DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

- 1) What do God's actions show toward Adam and Eve? *they were both protective and corrective*
- 2) Hearing Adam name her "Eve," what rises in you about God allowing life to continue after judgment??
- 3) How does God's act of setting a boundary at Eden challenge the way you act when He sets boundaries in your own life?
- 4) How can you reflect the same care that God gave to Adam and Eve to someone this week? Do you have a person in mind?

***PRAYER REQUESTS* | ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER | ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY - Matthew 28:11-20**
Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week