## **Connection Group Discussion**

Scriptures are provided for context. Some groups may choose not to read them for sake of time. Also, please do not feel you have to cover all of the questions.

- 1. Read **Genesis 3:4-6**. In what ways do we reject God's wisdom and God's goodness?
- 2. Read **Romans 3:19**. How can guilt be seen as the goodness of God?
- 3. Read **1 Timothy 4:2**. How do people sear their conscience? Have you ever known anyone with a seared conscience? What does that look like?
- 4. Have you ever experienced false guilt? Explain. What were the results? How did you (can you) overcome it?
- 5. Read Genesis 3:7. In his message, Pastor Todd talked about the ways people cover their guilt with the fig leaves of moralism, comparison, denying absolutes, blame and religion. If you were trying to cover your guilt, what fig leaf would you most likely use? How can you overcome this tendency?
- 6. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. What do you believe is the difference between repentance and remorse? How can you know your repentance is genuine?
- 7. Read **Romans 5:1**. What does it mean to be justified in the sight of God? How do you receive justification? Do you live like someone who has been justified by God? Please explain.



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## The Ramifications of Guilt

1.	hatred
	<b>Romans 7:24</b> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
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2.	from God
	<b>Genesis 3:8</b> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

3.		nakedness
	Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them they knew that they were naked; and they together and made themselves coverings.	
	The Remedy for Gu	
1.	Determine	you feel guilty.
	Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever those who are under the law, that every mostopped, and all the world may become g	outh may be
	1 Timothy 4:2bhaving their own conscient iron	nce seared with a hot
	Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowled of God leads you to repentance?	•
2.	confess and source of your guilt.	of the
	2 Corinthians 7:10 For Godly sorrow producted leading to salvation, not to be regretted; by world produces death.	-

**Psalm 51:4** Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight...

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3.	freedom from guilt.
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**Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Hebrews 10:4** For it is not possibly that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

**Ephesians 1:6** He made us accepted in the Beloved.

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture is from the New King James Version.