

GOD WITH US

Week 1: No Place Like Home

Objective: To help us recognize that God longs for us to come home to Him.

Read together:

Genesis 3

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

- **Running Away:**
Have you ever felt like “running away from home”—from God, faith, or responsibility?
What usually drives us to want control instead of trusting God’s leadership?
- **The Garden and God’s Presence:**
In Genesis 2–3, the Garden of Eden represented a place where heaven and earth overlapped—where God and humanity were together.
Why do you think God’s presence was such a central part of creation?
What does that reveal about His heart for relationship?
- **Redefining Good and Evil:**
The serpent tempted Adam and Eve to define “good and evil” for themselves rather than trust God’s definition.
What are some modern examples of how people do this today?
What are the results when we decide to “call the shots” instead of letting God lead?
- **The Real Tragedy of Sin:**
Pastor Steve said, *“The tragedy of sin is not punishment, but distance.”*
How have you personally experienced the distance that sin creates—from God or from others?
How does that change the way you think about sin?
- **God’s Pursuing Love:**
Even when humanity rebelled, God pursued us (Genesis 3:9).
How have you seen God pursue you personally, even when you’ve tried to run from Him?
- **God’s Redemption Plan:**
Genesis 3:15 foreshadows Jesus crushing the serpent. How does this verse demonstrate God’s heart to restore, not reject?
Why is it so powerful that God initiated the rescue plan rather than waiting for us to return first?
- **Coming Home:**
In what ways do people today believe they’ve gone “too far” for God to take them back?
How can we help others believe the truth that *“You are never so far gone that you can’t come home”*?

Final Thoughts: What might it look like for you, this week, to “come home” to God in some area of your life—trusting, surrendering, or reconnecting to His presence?

This Week: Spend some time intentionally focusing on the presence of God with you in your day to day life.

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