

## EpicFail part 1. "Ownership"

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### Message-based questions

One reason history repeats itself is that we don't own our parts of our histories. And the reason you don't own it is because there's nothing to own—we would rather displace responsibility much like Adam and Eve in the Garden! Your best bet for a successful future is to own your share of the past.

*Read Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 2:17, Genesis 3: 6-13, Romans 8:28*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When something goes wrong, even in a small way, is your instinct to blame others or to take responsibility? How does this affect your relationships with others?
- Talk about a time when you've seen someone repeat mistakes from the past because that person didn't take ownership of his or her part of those mistakes.
- Why do you think it's so difficult for people to recognize their roles in past mistakes?
- Why do think Adam and Eve hid from God?
- What are some things in your past from which you've hidden? In what ways did that make you unavailable for the people in your life?
- In what ways has avoiding blame made you unavailable to the primary people in your life?
- What is one area of your life where you haven't owned your part of past results? What can you do this week to begin to own your part? What can this group do to support you?
- Will you do the exercise that Rick mentioned in his message? If so when... what are you hoping to get out of this exercise!

We can't blame our way into a better future. Blame sets us up for repeat performances. If you want to take all of yourself into the future as you start over, you've got to come out of hiding. It's painful but it's beneficial. Own it so it won't own you, so it won't follow you into the future!