

Too Much of a Good Thing: Week 5

Introduction (Read aloud before discussion)

Just to recap: God created a good world, full of good things, but humans choose their own way over God's way and introduced sin into the world.

•Sermon Discussion (Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)

- 1. Sin affects every area of life from our relationships with God, our relationships with each other, our relationships with creation, and our relationships with ourselves. Where do you see this most, whether in media, the news, or in your own life?
- 2. Do you think the fact that everyone sins and that everyone is affected by sin makes it easier or more challenging to be a Christian?
- 3. If you feel comfortable sharing, share who you identify with most: Abraham who sinned, or Hagar who was sinned against? If you don't feel comfortable sharing, spend time this week in prayer asking God to show you how he's working to offer forgiveness or restoration.
- 4. Where you've been doesn't have to be where you're going. What words describe what you would like your life to look like in three years and why?

•Ministry Time (Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, "Come Holy Spirit.")

What from the sermon or from group discussion challenged or encouraged you? Spend time praying for each other about that and anything else that comes to mind.

•Spiritual Formation (This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.)

What are you fasting? How is your fast going? What are you noticing about yourself and your relationship with God through practicing your fast? Remember, when you practice the fast, be sure to replace the time you normally would with the good thing you're fasting from with time spent in prayer or reflection on what the Holy Spirit is teaching you by fasting.

Daily Reading (Tune into the daily "Together On Mission" podcast, and let's start every day with Jesus.)

MON

Genesis 12 | Psalm 21

TUES

Genesis 15 | Psalm 22

WED

Genesis 16 | Psalm 23

THUR

Genesis 21 | Psalm 24

FRI

Luke 10:25-37 | Psalm 25

SAT

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage, and enjoy