



COMMUNITY Groups

June 25th, 2017: BROKEN WORSHIP

OPENING

- What were some of your childhood experiences that made you experience the world's beauty and wonder?
- What were some of your childhood experiences that made you experience the world's brokenness and pain?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- In ancient times, idols were placed in temples to bear the image of a god. With that in mind, what does it mean for human beings to be "images" of God?
- Ryan said that our primary purpose in life is to worship God, i.e. to honor and reflect God in all that we do. How can you honor and reflect God in the following aspects of life: work, dating/marriage, parenting, friendships, learning, finances, fun?

Read Genesis 3:1-3

- Why do you think God created a tree that Adam and Eve couldn't eat from?
- Compare these verses with Genesis 2:17. How is the serpent's claim different from God's? How is Eve's claim different from God's? How do these distortions reflect two different extremes people have when interpreting God's commandments?

Read Genesis 3:4-5

- What are some of the lies in these verses?
- Why do you think Eve would believe the serpent? Why do you think well-intentioned people believe similar things today?

Read Genesis 3:6-7

- Who's to blame here? How have you seen similar dynamics in your family?
- What are some ways that wrong beliefs cause wrong behavior? How have you experienced this in your own life?
- Were Adam and Eve successful in becoming more like God? Explain.
- Why do you think being naked suddenly became a bad thing? Can you relate?

FINAL APPLICATION

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

- What is an idol in your life? In other words, what is something that you trust in more than God and causes you fear, stress, anger, or anxiety?
- What would it look like for you to turn from this idol and serve the living and true God instead?