



## Reflect + Discuss

- Share about a time when you did something that had a surprising unintended consequence (either good or bad).
- Read Genesis 2:8-9, 2:15-17 and 3:1-5. Compare God's commands with the serpent's and the woman's version of those commands. What is the significance of the differences?
- How do you feel about the idea that only God knows and gets to decide what prospers life and what harms it? In what ways does this idea challenge American cultural norms?
- Read Genesis 3:6-13. What is the significance of the man and woman realizing their nakedness and covering themselves? In what ways do we continue to hide or "cover" ourselves today?
- Are there areas of your life where you want to decide for yourself what is good, instead of following what God says is good, or where you are focusing on what you see as restrictions rather than the freedom you have in Christ? How could today's message help you reframe these areas and accept what God says is good over rebelling and choosing what is good for yourself?

## Pray

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Spend some time reflecting on God's grace and the new life we have in Jesus, and then move into a time of praise and prayer.

## Dig Deeper

- For a deeper dive into the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and human rebellion, check out this Bible Project "The Tale of Two Trees" [podcast episode](#).

## Next Steps

- If a particular concept or idea from this week's message felt particularly challenging for you, set aside some time this week to reflect and learn more. Spend time thinking, praying, and seeking out more resources to help you as you wrestle with the concept/idea.
- Check out the [Live this Book resource page](#) for more next steps and send your questions about the message to [podcast@blackhawkchurch.org](mailto:podcast@blackhawkchurch.org).