

Getting Out of the Corner, Genesis 2-3

Small Group Discussion Guide—4/28/2019

When you think of paradise, what do you think of? Describe the sights, sounds, relationships, and emotions you imagine.

Read Genesis 2:25 – 3:10

What does it mean to you when the author of Genesis gives us this short glimpse into paradise: “Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame”?

How does the idea of being exposed and accepted make you feel?

Why did Adam really hide from God after eating the fruit?

Have you ever been tempted to hide from God?

Describe how the word “shame” makes you feel. Describe how the word “guilt” makes you feel. What’s the difference in the two?

What does God’s action in verse 21 tell us about his heart for people, even at our worst?

What hope can you take from this truth?

Do you believe that you are fully known yet fully accepted by God? What steps can you take to live more and more in this freeing truth?

Pray as a group and for one another, thanking God that even when we are at our worst, his love never wavers, and praying that we find freedom from shame, living as though we believe we are fully loved and fully accepted.