

[Primary Text: Genesis 3:1-21]

PRAY

Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive God's word.

- LG Foundations (on back page): What did you learn from the foundations course for last week (topic: "hearing the word")?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.

- The harmony that God had created was suddenly thrown into disorder with one act of willful rebellion. To help us remember, let's read through the text together.
- What about the serpent was cunning? What were the red flags raised?
- The serpent said that if they ate of the tree, "they would be like God." What is ironic about this statement?
- Being ashamed of their nakedness, Adam and Eve in a way become slaves to evil. How is their nakedness revealed?
- Who does God hold accountable for the moral failure in the Garden? Why?
- What were the judgments/curses that God distributed to the serpent, Adam, and Eve? What do these judgments tell us about God?
- God provided animal skins to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness. What can we learn from this information? What does it tell us about God?
- Scholars call verse 15 the "Protoevangelium." What does this mean? What do the bruising represent in light of the history of salvation?

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for?

LG Foundations | Study to show thyself approved, rightly dividing the word of truth. – 2 Timothy 2:15

Over the next year we will be guided through a series of 30 topics that will challenge us to not only know what we believe but will help us to internalize and verbalize our beliefs. Knowing God's word takes training (1 Tim 4:6-9). **Let us train to know God and make Him known.** Welcome to LG Foundations.

Topic 8: Reading the Word

{ Is it important to systematically read the Word? Is a reading plan really necessary? What does the Bible say? }

GUIDE:

1 Timothy 4:13

Revelation 1:3

Deuteronomy 17:19

Joshua 1:8

Psalms 119:9

Now that you have been reminded of what God's word says, try answering the topic question again with the paper flipped over. Try to include at least one Bible reference. Repeat this process as if you are teaching someone else. Practice teaching it to a friend or family member.