

What Does God Want For My Relationship?

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Genesis 3

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Adam and Eve faced the most important conversation of their lives and never brought God into it. Then they hid, and then they blamed: Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent. Pastor Matt said the pattern has not changed. The presenting problem in a marriage is usually not the real problem, no person can carry the weight of being the one, and God has a hard time healing what nobody will own. His challenge was concrete: go three days without blaming anyone for anything, and love your spouse regardless.

To get started

- What is something small you blamed someone else for recently?

Looking back at the message

Single people are in the room. He addressed them; make sure the group does too.

- 1 Pastor Matt said no human being can carry the pressure of being the one. Where have you put that weight on someone?
- 2 Pastor Matt said God has a hard time healing what nobody will own. What makes owning your part of a problem so hard?
- 3 Pastor Matt pictured Adam and Eve still blaming each other on the walk out of the garden. How does that picture change the way you see the story? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Genesis 3:6-13 aloud, then Ephesians 5:25.

- 4 Read Genesis 3:12-13. Who does each person blame, and who ends up at the end of the chain?
- 5 Neither of them talks to God before the decision. What does that missing conversation tell you?
- 6 Read Matthew 22:37-39. What order does Jesus put things in, and why does the order matter?
- 7 Read Ephesians 5:25. What is the standard for a husband, and what does it cost? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

The three-day challenge is concrete. Do not let it stay theoretical.

- 8 Pastor Matt's challenge: three days without blaming anyone for anything. What would make that hard for you?
- 9 How is trying to make someone love you different from loving them regardless?
- 10 What expectation have you put on someone that they were never able to meet?
- 11 What is one thing in a relationship you already know is yours to own? OPTIONAL

The group together

Marriage talk should not exclude the unmarried. He said the principles carry.

- 12 How do these ideas apply outside marriage, to friendships and family?
- 13 How can this group support a marriage without taking sides?
- 14 What would it look like for owning your part to be normal in this group instead of rare?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one thing that is yours to own, and what would owning it require you to say?

You might pray about

- For marriages carrying unspoken disappointment
- For the courage to own our part first
- For single people under pressure to find 'the one'
- For love given without conditions attached