

PART 5

THE TALE OF TWO FRIDAYS

GROUP GUIDE

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HANG OUT

Time: Begin the section below 10 - 15 minutes before the group starts.

Engage

Start off light and ask simple questions like, how was your day? What did you have for dinner? Keep the heavier conversation for the larger group setting.

Prayer of Dedication

Invite one person to dedicate your time to the Lord. "Heavenly Father, We come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Amen."

Connect

Question of the day:

"What is something you feel proud of yourself for doing this week?"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's get current! Here you'll find all the important things your community should know about! It could be logistical, upcoming events, or just general church-wide things happening in the life of Fellowship. We commit to keeping you in the know.

Where are you serving?

Want to invest in the next generation and support our Fellowship Families? Consider serving with our amazing Kids Ministry! This summer, we're in need of 20 new volunteers every Sunday. To learn more and serve, email our Pastor to Family Ministries at stephanie.porter@madeforfellowship.com.

We're also in need of more tear down volunteers after the 11am service on Sundays! Would you and your group consider serving together on a Sunday? If all of our groups served a few times per

year, all our volunteer needs would be filled! To learn more and sign up to volunteer individually or as a group, email chelsea.sulkerhall@madeforfellowship.com.

60+ Clubs and Events

On June 3rd, the Outreach team is hosting a 60+ Senior Prom from 5-8pm at the Fellowship Center and is in need of volunteers! If you'd like to attend and learn more or are available to serve with setup and teardown, parking, games or the auction, please email outreach@madeforfellowship.com.

3 GO DEEPER CHECK-IN

Beyond the songs and sermons of our services, we invite followers of Jesus into a weekly rhythm of personally spending time with Him and enjoying His love. This section is designed to give you a communal space to check in with each other about the fruit of your personal practice. Feel free to use the weekly Go Deeper Guide on the website if you need support, but if you have your own rhythm, these questions will still apply.

1. What did you enjoy the most about your personal devotion time this past week? What challenged you the most?
2. Was there a moment when you felt God's love or delight this past week? Share the experience if you're willing.
3. What did you learn about yourself or your relationship with God this past week?
4. How can this community support or encourage you in your faithfulness in following Jesus over the next week?

4 READ THE PASSAGE

Let's study together! Use this section to dive deeper into scripture, make observations and take notes. Once you complete this, then move to the video and discussion questions. **Read Genesis 3:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 11:17-26**

5 ENGAGE VIDEO & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Watch the LifeGroup video, then use these questions to help guide your group conversation. Feel free to use one or all of them. Trust the flow of the conversation based on what the Holy Spirit is doing in your unique group.

Reflective question from Video

This week we talked about the Tale of Two Fridays, when our black friday meets our good friday, the scarcity of the world collides with the abundance of the kingdom. Take some time and reflect on the following questions: Where does scarcity show up in my life?

Where am I tempted to go shopping in the aisles of the world? Where am I struggling with God being enough for me? Share your reflections with the group.

Observation

What do you notice about the serpent's questions to Eve? What do you notice about Eve's response to the serpent? In 1 Corinthians 11, what are the accusations that Paul is making against the disciples?

Interpretation

Go back to read Genesis 2:15-17. Knowing what God originally commanded about the tree, what tactics did the serpent use to manipulate Adam and Eve? How did believing the serpent's words create a "scarcity mentality" in Eve and lead to sin? How do you see a scarcity mentality at play in the Corinthian church?

Reflection

The serpent caused Adam and Eve to doubt both God's word and his character. Has there been a time when you questioned God's character or his goodness toward you? How did you respond? How do you see a distrust of God or a scarcity mentality at play in the American church?

Application

Scarcity and greed cause us to grab for things outside of God's will. In what ways is the spirit of scarcity possibly stopping you from addressing the needs of those in your life and in the world around you? How can the gospel give us the ability to live with a spirit of abundance and generosity? Is there a need or desire in your life which you are needing to trust that God is enough for you right now?

6 PRAY

Wrap up your group session in prayer. Throughout your group journey, a regular rhythm of prayer is so important! It can also look very different from week to week, so we encourage you to discuss how it could be expressed in your meeting. Make sure you balance opportunities to pray for individual requests as well as the Kingdom of God at large. Consider having someone be responsible for keeping track of a group prayer journal. We'll also make some recommendations from time to time. **Pray for each group member to experience the abundance of God in areas of hopelessness, need, and longing.**