

## Message Study | FOBO | Now What? February 23, 2020

*Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.*

**Message Review: At the end of every bad decision waits sorrow. Worldly sorrow is condemning. Godly sorrow is a conviction—not a home—and has no regrets because it moves us to repentance, where we can give the weight of our sin over to Jesus.**

**Warm-Up Question: Describe a time when you were frozen or paralyzed because of too many options? i.e. restaurant menus, what school to attend, paint color. . .**

### **Read Genesis 3:1-6 and 21**

- How does the serpent lead Eve astray in verses 1 and 4-5?
- Eve isn't in a crisis mode when she makes her decision in verse 6. Why do you think she's so easily convinced by the serpent's words? Give an example of a time you've experienced this in your own life.
- The same serpent that deceived Eve in paradise is alive today and looking for ways to convince you that better still exists, even if you are in paradise. What steps can you take to start recognizing the lies and half-truths the Enemy whispers in your ear throughout your day?
- After God doles out the punishment for their disobedience in verses 14-19, what does He do for Adam and Eve in verse 21? How is this a picture of His grace?
- This is the first instance of a sacrifice for sin in the Bible. How does it foreshadow the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-11**

- Why is the author, Paul, happy about the earlier letter he sent the Corinthian church?
- When have you had to be the bearer of tough love and how did it turn out? How do you respond when you're on the receiving end of honest feedback?
- Notice, in verses 10-11, the two paths worldly sorrow and godly sorrow take us down. What is the end result of each? Talk about a time in your life when you've experienced the difference between these two types of sorrow.
  - Example: Worldly sorrow may say 'I'm sorry' but it remains selfish to the end (see Saul in 1 Samuel 15). Godly sorrow, on the other hand, feels true remorse and grieves for the harm done to others and to God (see David in 2 Samuel 12 and Psalm 51)
- Are you currently experiencing sorrow over sin and you're feeling stuck in it? Have you found identity in your mistakes? How can we come around each other as a group and help each other move into repentance?

- What action step do you need to take 'make things right' (verse 11)? See Romans 12:18 for more guidance in this area.

**Listen and Respond:** Take a minute as a group to prayerfully pause to allow time for members to process the following questions. Then allow a few minutes for members to briefly share what God is saying and what they will do. (Pro tip: Leaders, jot down the action steps, send out to the group for prayer and encouragement, then review next meeting.)

What is God saying to you through His Word? How and when will you respond?

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