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Digging In: Read Genesis 2-3. Make a list of all the “good” given to man in Genesis 2. What does it mean that woman is a suitable helper for man? God is described with this same word helper in Hosea 13:9 and Psalm 115:9-11. How does that help? How would you describe the original condition of the world? How does the serpent implant doubt in Eve about the goodness of God (3:1-5)? How does the serpent lie to Eve (3:5; 3:22; 5:5)? How does Eve’s response (3:2-3) compare to what God said and did (2:9,16,17)? Why do you think God gave the prohibition of 2:17? What is Adam’s culpability? Why? What evidences do you see that all of Adam and Eve’s relationships are broken -- with God, within themselves, with each other, and with the world? Considering both Adam and Eve’s response to eating the fruit, God’s punishments, and what happens next in chapter 4, how would you describe the state of the world at this point? Where do you see hints of the gospel in this story (think about Jesus, the tree, the garden, the seed, the sword)?

Living It Out: Why is it important to meditate on Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection as the solution for a ruined world? What images do you see in Genesis 3 that directly or indirectly speak to Jesus’ work in saving a ruined world (ex. the tree, the coverings, the garden, the seed, the sword)? How can meditating on Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection help you deal with the ruin in this world?

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