



**Our God is a God of redemption. He has been pursuing us since the beginning- after the fall, He immediately set the next part of His plan into motion to redeem and restore His original creation in all of its fullness. Let's explore what that means.**

***Read: Genesis 3:1-24; Matthew 18:12-14***

How do God's actions in the garden correlate to the shepherd's actions in the parable in Matthew 18?

What can we learn about God from these passages?

How or when has God pursued you in a similar way?

***Read: Genesis 3:6, 3:21; Matthew 26:26-29***

How does God providing animal skins to cover the man and woman in Genesis foreshadow God's plan for the redemption of humanity for all time?

In Genesis 3:6, we see the woman take the fruit and eat it, then give it to the man who did the same, thus leading to sin entering the world. Compare the words connected to Eve's actions in the fall with Jesus' words spoken to His disciples during the last supper in Matthew 26.

What words and themes do you see connecting these two passages in Genesis 3 and Matthew 26?

How did Jesus' words and subsequent sacrifice redeem the actions of Adam and Eve in the garden?

What can we learn about Jesus from these passages?

**Make it personal:**

What are you taking in, consuming, that is leading to death in your life, whether it be physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual?

What would it look like to allow Jesus to replace that death with His life, leading to new life and redemption in you?

**Share with your small group, or a trusted friend or family member, what you need to stop consuming so they can pray with and for you as you allow Jesus to fill and heal that place in your life.**

**Prayer:**

**Father, thank you for always pursuing me. Thank you for following through on your plan of redemption, even from the very beginning. Thank you for Jesus, who provides new life and restores a full relationship with you. Lord, help me to pursue you with my life and my whole heart in response, and live out of gratitude for what you have done for me.**

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