

# warrior

winning the fight for faith



## Week 2: May 10-16

### Share Life:

**Review Guidelines:** Take time to review all the guidelines as your groups begin to physically meet again.

**Question:** What is one thing God has taught you through this pandemic?

**Vision:** Making disciples is a “team sport.” No matter how long or short you have been following Christ, each person has a part to play in making multiplying disciples. God is going to do His part. When each person does their part, incredible growth occurs.

### Share God’s Word (story):

#### Background:

God’s creation of man is a beautiful story. Before man was created, mist watered the ground. There were no bushes or plants in the fields because there was no one to take care of them. So, God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils. Man became a living being created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

After this, God planted a garden. This garden was called the Garden of Eden. It was here that Adam would live and work. God caused every plant that was pleasant and good to eat to spring from the ground in this garden. One of those trees was the tree of life. Another was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam’s job was to tend to the garden and name every living creature that came to him. The only thing he could not do was eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told him that the day that he ate of this tree would be the day that he would die.

After this, God saw that Adam was alone. He said that it was not good for man to be alone. So, he caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. While Adam was sleeping, God took a rib from him. From that rib, He created woman and brought her to Adam. Adam saw her and said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken from Man.” Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed. They became one flesh and had a perfect relationship with each other and with God.

Remember Satan... His mission is to separate man from God and rule the world. Therefore, he wanted to destroy Adam and Eve’s relationship with God and with one another. And he knew the one thing that would separate man from God was to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Using his deception, he took the form of a serpent. This is where our story begins...

**Tell the story from Genesis 3:1-19**  
**Read the story from Genesis 3:1-19**

1. What stands out to you in this story and why?
2. What does this story teach you about people?
3. What does this story teach you about God?
  - a. What does this story teach you about yourself?
4. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you and how do you need to respond?

## **Share in Prayer**

Pray for those who are still sheltering in place during phase 1 of merging back. Especially those at more risk because of age, have an underlying condition, or are living with someone who is at more risk.

***Recruit a storyteller for next week!!***



## Week 1: The 7 Essentials

Over the next few weeks, we want to take time to review the 7 Essentials. These principals are a great way for everyone to evaluate themselves and their spiritual health. If you ever want to remind yourself of these principals, you can visit our church website!

The first essential is “Abide in Christ.” The goal of this principal is “That every person in our church has a relationship with Jesus Christ that transforms the way they live in the church, home, and world.”

**John 15:5** says, “I am the vine: you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

To abide in Christ simply means to dwell with Him. This is the most fundamental principal in our 7 Essentials because if we are not dwelling in Christ, we are not able to do anything. We would not be able to grow into spiritual maturity. We would not be able to walk in the good works He has given us to walk in. This includes: sharing the gospel effectively, caring for the body of Christ out of love instead of obligation, being a cheerful giver, walk in victory over sin, and simply walking in obedience to Christ.

When we don't abide in Christ, we are losing the fight for faith. How are you doing in your fight for faith? There are so many things we can do to abide in Christ. Below are some questions for you to evaluate how you are doing abiding in Christ.

- Are you walking in humility, or do you find yourself taking credit without giving God glory?
- Are you spending time daily in God's word and prayer?
- Are you spending time daily encouraging others to abide in Christ?
- Are you giving into temptation or walking in victory?