REALLIFE CHURCH

week 2 | Discussion Guide

## FOCUS TEXTS Gen. 3:7-8, Genesis 3:12-13

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked...and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

"The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Losing Love Bets

- In your relationships, remember a time when you relied on hiding from the truth instead of owning it in order to protect yourself. What was that circumstance?
- Why do you think we prefer to hurl blame at others instead of examining our own part of the problem?
- Have you ever gotten to the exhaustion point in "hiding" or "hurling"? How did you know?





Read + Respond

1. In verse 37, Jesus highlights two things we must be doing in order to experince the fullness of life. Loving God and loving others.
How do you think you are doing in those areas?

2. What do you think it means to **love God with all our soul?** All our heart? All our mind?

3. The author of Ecclesiastes was exhausted by the way he had designed his life. What do you think is the connection between loving God first and experience satisfaction and meaning in our lives? Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighboras yourself.'

Ecclesiastes 2:11

But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.





Get to know God

If you are in a relationship, how do you seek God together? If you are single, how are you seeking God to prepare for the One? And if you are on the fence about Jesus, how are you actively investigating who he is?

## Challenge: Seek God together (couples) or on your own (individuals) in an intentional way.

- <u>Couples:</u> choose to pray with your significant other multiple times with this week and ask God to help you both love Him more.
- <u>Singles:</u> Choose to pray for more desire for God in your life. Ask him to increase your love for him first.



<u>Seeking:</u> Ask God to reveal to you something true about himself this week that you still have questions about.