**Discussion Questions**

Feel free to choose what questions will be most helpful to your group to grow in their understanding of the Scripture, learn how to better read the Bible for themselves, and faithfully apply it to their lives.

**Proximity Was Not Enough (Gen. v.8-13)**

In Genesis 3.8-13 we see the Garden of Eden being the closest thing to human proximity to God and yet still, humanity being unable to maintain that closeness.

1. Have you ever experienced being in close proximity with someone, but still felt distant or like you were “hiding” something?
2. When you have proximity to someone or something you typically begin to take on their traits or characteristics. Have you ever been in proximity to someone and seen it slowly begin to transform you or your lifestyle?
3. Eve walked with the Lord, but did exactly what she was told not to do. Her disobedience created a lack of intimacy. Think about temptations you have, what are ways to avoid being disobedient to the Lord?

**Sin Disrupts, Distorts, and Destroys (Gen. 3.14-19, 3.22-24)**

In Genesis 3.14 we begin to see the effects of sin as described by the curses spoken by God.

1. The Lord takes sin seriously. If sin is distorting and destroying the way we see the image of God and others, why do we so often treat sin so lightly?

**Yet The Lord Comes Near (Gen. 3.20-21)**

Despite actions that deserve the penalty of death and separation, the Lord comes near.

1. Is it your tendency to come near to the presence of God or to run and hide? If hiding is the tendency, how do we overcome that hiding?
2. God is always near to us but often times we don’t feel that way. If the goal is to *see* and *savor* His nearness, what can we do to better have an increased awareness of His presence?

**Implications (John 15:1-11)**

1. Resting in the Lord takes trust. What does it look like to work and rest from a place of trust in Him?
2. Let’s look at **Hebrews 10.19-25**, often we forget that we have been invited to draw near to the Lord with confidence. What are ways that you draw near to the Lord?