

## **Oct 20 Small Group Questions - Genesis 1-3: Covenant of Vocation**

1. If you could summarize the storyline of scripture in just a few sentences, how would you do so?

### **Read either all of Genesis 1-3 or Genesis 1:1-4, 26; 2:7-9; 16-17; 3:1-6, 8, 22-24**

2. (1:26) Humanity was created in the image and likeness of God to have dominion over material creation. What does this mean?
3. (2:9,16) What choice is represented by the presence of the two trees in the garden? What is the consequence of humanity's choice?

Humanity's exile from Eden does not change our nature - created to reflect the nature and character of God. If we aren't reflecting the character and nature of God we will reflect the character and nature of something else. This gives perspective for the most common command of scripture - have no other gods before me - for oriented toward those idols we will reflect them out into the world.

4. What are some of the 'idols' we worship? What is the impact of each on us? On others? (as we reflect that out into the world)
5. It was Martin Luther who said in his commentary on the 10 commandments that we can't break commandments 2 through 10 without breaking commandment one. Commandment one? Have no other gods. Meaning that every sin, every injustice, every aspect of human brokenness is symptomatic of worshipping something else other than the living God. Discuss.

### **Read John 20:19-22**

6. What connections do you see between the Genesis and John passages? What is this telling us?
7. The solution to our reflecting idols is right orientation for the sake of right reflection. How does our worship of the living God in Jesus lead us to reflect his nature and character?