



## **A Tale of 3 Trees**

### **The Tree of Grace | Week 2**

*This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.*

#### **REFLECT**

The Tree of Knowledge gave way to the root of sin, resulting in death and separation that reaches out and impacts all of creation. By the grace of God, the story is not over. There is a second tree on Calvary – the one upon which Jesus was crucified. Jesus carried our sins on that tree, thereby offering redemption and assigning us His righteousness. Jesus made a way that brings hope for a new future through a third tree.

- *Read 1 Peter 2:22-25.* Why is it important that Jesus knew no sin?
- Why do you think there is this analogy of us being sheep and Jesus being our shepherd? What does that comparison tell you about who Jesus is and how he cares for you?
- *Reread 1 Peter 2:24.* What does it mean for Jesus to have carried your sins on that tree? Why did Jesus need to die to set you free?
- *Read Romans 6:6-7.* What does it mean to be a slave to sin? In light of the redemption offered by Jesus, how are you set free from sin through Jesus?
- *Read Galatians 2:20-21.* How do you need to respond this week to the offer of Christ's righteousness being assigned to you through faith?

#### **DO**

Throughout this week, ask God to place someone in your life that you can invest in, share the story of how Jesus has saved you, and invite them to come with you to church next weekend for Easter.

#### **PRAY**

Begin your time of prayer by reading **Galatians 2:20-21**. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

**FOCUS** on the sacrifice and crucifixion of Jesus that brings forth redemption.

**THANK** Jesus for assigning you His righteousness through faith.

**CONFESS** where you have tried to earn salvation rather than trusting solely in Jesus.

**ASK** the Holy Spirit to remind you of Jesus' grace and love for you throughout this coming week.

**\*Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

Hebrews 12:2

Isaiah 53:5-6

John 8:36

1 Corinthians 1:9

