



A Tale of 3 Trees
The Knowledge Tree | Week 1

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

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible weaves an intricate story of God and His creation. At each end of the story, there stands two trees that mark it's beginning and end. They define our past and our future; our history and our destiny. The first tree is the tree of knowledge. It is the root of the fall, resulting in sin and separation. It covers all of creation. But, we know we have a future hope and a promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

- *Read Genesis 2:8-9 and Genesis 2:15-16.* In what ways do God's rules act as boundaries to protect your freedom rather than barriers to prevent your freedom?
- *Read Genesis 3:1-8.* How would you summarize "the tale of the Knowledge Tree"?
- *Read Genesis 3:17-19.* What are some of the results of this tree and the fall?
- How has the Knowledge Tree resulted in separation and death?
- *Read Romans 5:18-19.* What is the reach of the fall? How does Jesus offer hope amidst "condemnation for all people"?

PRAY

Begin your time of prayer by reading **Romans 6:23**. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

FOCUS on Jesus' love for you and the unrelenting grace that He offers to you.

THANK God for the gift of eternal life through Jesus.

CONFESS where you have sinned and need Jesus to cover the wages of sin.

ASK God to remind you of the hope that you have because of Jesus.

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

John 1:5-10

Romans 10:9

Psalm 32:5

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

