



Week of July 18, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. What comes to your mind when you think of the word “respond-ability”? Think of a recent situation where that was needed, but was noticeably absent?
2. Discuss this statement: “The more responsible people are -- the less rules you need.” How do you see this play out in your workplace, or in your home?
3. Read Genesis 3:8. What are some ways that we try to hide from God when we’re irresponsible? Discuss the foolishness of trying to hide from God.
4. Read Genesis 3:11-13. How was God’s question designed to prompt an answer of responsibility from Adam? Instead, how did Adam respond and blame? How did Eve respond and blame?
5. Paul said, “We were created to be responsible and we are happiest when we are responsible.” How does being responsible result in happiness?
6. Paul said, “Conflict is the price you will continue to pay for your irresponsibility.” What area of your life will you choose to take appropriate responsibility for? How can this group pray for you or hold you accountable?

7. In your prayer time, share the name of someone who is unchurched that you can pray for. What action will you take this week to invest in that person?

Moving Forward

What area of your life do you regularly find conflict? When you begin feeling guilt or shame over an irresponsible choice, listen to your internal or external voice of blame. Pay attention to what you're telling yourself and how you're trying to excuse your irresponsibility. Resist the urge to point the finger, and instead ask yourself, "Am I being responsible...really?"

Genesis 1:27-28

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 3:8-13

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." ¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."
¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."