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WEEK OF February 18 – February 24 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aid in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to **experience Christ together.**

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study:

1. Pastor Vance taught the main idea that, “In the garden, Adam and Eve sinned against God and lost ability for human beings to be rightly related to Him and His creation.” Out of this statement he sought to answer four questions, but before he got there he took a minute to address the reality of sin.
 - a. **What is sin? How would you define it?**
 - b. **How/Why is sin the source of all evil and wrong in the world?**
2. The first question Pastor Vance answered was, “*How did sin enter the world?*” From this question he introduced us to the person of Lucifer, an angel who led a rebellion in heaven and was then casted out of heaven. From that point on he sought to destroy the work of God, which at that moment in time it was Adam and Eve.
 - a. **How did sin enter the world?**
 - b. **What role did Lucifer play in this?**
3. Secondly, Pastor Vance wrestled with, “What is the result of sin entering the world?” He revealed to us that sin affected far more than just Adam and Eve, but all of creation.
 - a. **What were the consequences of Adam and Eve’s sin?**
 - b. **How did this sin affect us and the world? Read Romans 8:20-22, what does this tell us about creation?**
4. Thirdly, we looked to answer, “Why did God allow sin to enter the world?” Out of this question Pastor Vance discussed the reality of love and it being a choice.
 - a. **How does love being a choice help us answer the question at hand?**
 - b. **What does this tell us about God?**
5. Finally, Pastor Vance answered the question, “What was God’s response to sin?” From here he gave us a promise, a picture, and a provision.
 - a. **What was God’s response to sin? How do we see that played out today?**
 - b. **What was the promise, picture, and provision Pastor Vance gave us?**

Practical Application: With the suffering and evil present today, how can you minister to someone who does or doesn’t know Christ?