

## Week of December 14 Why Christmas? | *Family: Rebellion* Genesis 3-4 | Pastor Mike Barnhart

This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.

# **beyondsunday** Reflection & Discussion

## **Getting Started**

1. What thoughts come to your mind when we mention the word family?

#### **Receive the Word**

- 2. Read <u>Genesis 3:1-13</u>, <u>16-22</u>.
  - a. What did Adam & Eve do to sin against God?
  - b. Why was eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil sinful?
  - c. What were the results?
- 3. Read Genesis 4:1-10, 16-17
  - a. What did Cain do? How did he respond?
  - b. What kind of world does sin create?

### **Make the Connection**

- 4. What kind of world did the rebellion in Genesis 3 create?
- 5. How does Genesis 3 & 4 reveal sin to you in your life?
  - a. How will you respond?
- 6. What kind of world does freedom in Christ create?
  - a. Have you responded to Christ's invitation to this family?
  - b. If so, what difference has this made in your world?

THINK - About how the freedom Christ offers gives us a forever family

PRAY - Ask God to help you believe His promises of grace to live in His family

ACT - In what way(s) could you pursue living out God's design of the Sabbath World this week? (Remember: We practice living in the Sabbath World as we enter in communion fellowship with God & one another each day.)