Plenty: Discussion Questions (1/14/24)

Week 2 - The Beginning of the Story

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT TOGETHER (choose 1-2)

- 1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
- 2. How have you seen Jesus at work in the world around you? How have you been able to join him? Remember, God works through small stories.
- 3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
- 4. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?

DISCUSSION

- 1. Read Genesis 1:27-31. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
- 2. Read Genesis 3:1-5. Have someone else retell the passage in their own words.
- 3. Does anything stand out as surprising or interesting or confusing?
- 4. What do you think it means to be made "in God's image"?
- 5. Pastor Don said that because of the serpent's deception, "instead of ruling Creation, now humanity would be ruled by it." How do you see people being ruled, controlled, or governed by the world around them differently than how God designed it?
- 6. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
- 7. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

LIVE IT OUT

- 1. How can you apply this passage this week?
- 2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others? Be specific.

<u>PRAY</u>

