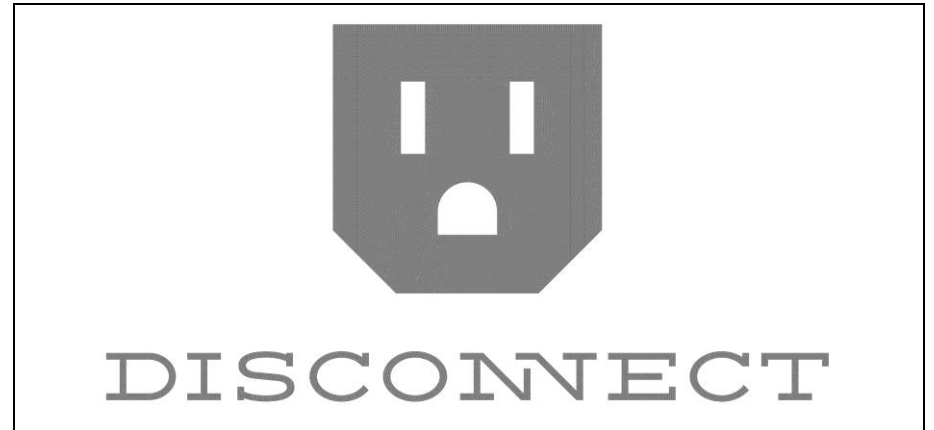


Questions (cont.)

Kory said the two trees in Genesis 2 are contrasted with each other; the Tree of Life is essentially the tree of dependence on God and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is essentially the tree of independence from God.

5. Do you think this is a good description? Why or why not?
6. Why does Genesis tell us Adam and Eve were “naked and unashamed?”
7. Why is it significant that they realized they were naked after they sinned?
8. What did Kory say is the result of their sin? Do you agree? Why or why not?
9. How does our “desire to decide for ourselves what’s best for us” disconnect us? Can you think of some modern examples of this?
10. Why is it significant that God *pursued* Adam and Eve? What does it say about God?
11. How is Jesus the ultimate expression of that pursuit?
12. How does Jesus heal the disconnect?



Disconnect

We tend to disconnect ourselves from the _____ that give us life.

You can only figure out what’s _____ when you know what _____ looks like.

Scripture: Genesis chapters 2 & 3

The creation story is the _____ for all of history.

- It stands as a _____ to the pagan creation stories.

The pagan stories vs Genesis:

Pagan: The world is a result of chaotic _____ between the gods.

Genesis: The world isn't an _____.

Pagan: Humans are only there to _____ the gods.

- The gods don't _____ about people.

Genesis: Describes the perfect _____ between a loving creator and His creation.

What creation tells us:

1. We receive _____ from God. (2:7)
 - We owe our _____ to Him.
 - He _____ us.
 - The Tree of _____ represents our dependence on God.
2. We were created for _____ with God.
 - Made in His _____.
 - Made to _____ with Him.
3. We were created for relationship with _____.

- "It's not good for man to be _____." (2:18)

4. We _____ it up.

- "Knowledge of good and evil" = "I'll decide for myself what's _____ for me."

- When Adam and Eve ate, they declared their _____ from God.

5. The result is _____ from God...and each other.

- The desire to be _____ always creates rivalry and jealousy.

6. God _____ us.

- This is the _____.

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Do you agree that we "draw life" from each other? Can you think of an example?
2. What do you think is the reason we tend to disconnect from each other?
3. What do people tend to focus on when they talk about creation account in Genesis?
4. Does it matter that the creation account in Genesis challenges some of the pagan myths circulating in the ancient near east? If so, why?