

## Grace Group Discussion Guide

For the week of June 2 - 8, 2019

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### Main Thought and Passages:

God designed marriage to be a picture of the oneness and unity that we are to have with Christ and is to be a vehicle by which God blesses us. Our spiritual enemy, therefore, opposes this oneness through tempting us with sin. Adam and Eve sinned when they went beyond God's boundaries by eating the "forbidden fruit" which resulted in separation from God and one another bringing guilt, shame, and death into the human experience.

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" (Genesis 2:15-17 ESV)*

*"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths... <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve... <sup>21</sup>and the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them." (Genesis 3:6-7, 20-21 ESV)*

The Word establishes boundaries to protect us from going beyond God's ordained limits in every area of our lives. Even some of the "good things" in life, when used in excess, can prevent our relationships from thriving such as hobbies, work, entertainment, etc. We must not let "good things" take away from "God things" that bring His true blessing. As we trust in Jesus and obey His Word, we will be able to walk in unity with God and one another experiencing His full blessing.

### Reflection:

- Reflect on the main thought and passages. What stands out to you the most and why?
- What are some "good things" (work, hobbies, entertainment, social media, etc.) in your life that can sometimes interfere with the "God things" (intimacy with our spouse, children, God, making a difference, etc.)?

### Application:

- What boundaries do you need to establish to prevent anything from interfering with the most important "God things" in your life? What will you do about it?

### Prayer:

- Pray for each other to establish necessary boundaries to protect our most important relationships.