Icebreaker:

1. What is something that brought you joy this week?
2. What is a chore or task that, in the words of Genesis 3, feels like “painful toil?”

Discussion Questions:

1. What stuck out to you from the message?
2. What is sin? What descriptions or images have been used to describe it? In what ways do these descriptions do a good job of describing sin and where might they fall short?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-8. Why is the promise of “being like God, knowing good and evil” what the serpent uses to tempt Adam and Eve? Why did God withhold that from humanity?
4. Read Genesis 3:14-19. What are the consequences of sin as laid out by God? What themes or summaries do you notice?
5. Read Romans 8:18-25. What do you notice about this passage and how Paul uses language from Genesis 3? What does it look like to “wait patiently” for what we hope for?
6. What is our response as Christians to living in a world that is inundated with sin? How does our understanding and ability to notice sin affect our faith?

Prayer Prompt:

Take a minute or two to brainstorm ways you see what “ought” to be and what “ought not” to be in the world. Pray for those things and ask God to use us, to help celebrate goodness and bring restoration to the world.