

A Tale of 3 Trees The Tree of Life | Week 3

This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.

## <u>REFLECT</u>

Three trees. The Tree of Knowledge gave root to sin and separation. On Calvary, Jesus bore himself on a tree so that sin could be paid for because of grace. The third tree looks forward to when all things are made new. It is the Tree of Life. It bears fruit for eternal life and restoration. It is symbolically and sacramentally the Risen Christ.

- Read Luke 24:1-8. How does the resurrection of Jesus give you hope for the future?
- *Read John 11:23-26.* What is significant about Jesus' claims in these verses? What does it tell you about being a Christ-follower?
- *Revelation 22:1-3*. In what ways is Jesus symbolically and sacramentally shown through the Tree of Life?
- How does Jesus reverse the corruption of sin and lift the curse of death through the Tree of Life? What do you think that future will look like?
- How does the abundance, duration, and restoration offered by the Tree of Life impact how you understand God and His love for you?

## <u>PRAY</u>

Begin your time of prayer by reading **Hebrews 4:14-16**. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

FOCUS on your Savior and High Priest, Jesus.

THANK Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross, covering your sins through His grace.

**CONFESS** where you have not lived with an eternal perspective - a perspective characterized by the hope and love of God.

**ASK** God to empower you to walk with confidence in your faith, characterized by hope in the Gospel and future promise of eternal life.

