

HOME STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 6: MAKE COLUMBIA HOME

Primary Passage: Genesis 2:5-9

Related Passages: Genesis 3:17-18, Genesis 3:23-24, Acts 2, Jeremiah 29:7

“Contemporary culture encourages us to make islands of ourselves for the sake of self-fulfillment, of career advancement, of entertainment, of diversion, and all the demands of the sovereign self. When suffering and death come for you—and it will—you want to be in a place where you know, and are known.”

- Rod Dreher

LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE:

Read Genesis 2:5-9 and 15. God forms a unique relationship between Adam, Eve and the place made for them in the garden. What stands out to you about the responsibility and mutually life-giving relationship God forms between humans and their place?

- How much connection and responsibility do you sense for the place you live? In what ways are you trying to cultivate this relationship?

Read Genesis 3:17-24. Sin shatters God’s good design for creation and creates a sense of placelessness in humanity. Where do you sense this placelessness in your life?

- Where do you see sin’s effects on the people and place where you live? (Think about your neighborhood, social networks and work environment.)

Read Jeremiah 29:7 and Acts 17:26. As Jesus’ redeemed people, we have a redeemed call to take responsibility for seek the welfare of our place. How as a group might we commit to taking responsibility and pushing back brokenness in the places we live?

- What obstacles might prevent us from loving and taking responsibility for our place (consider careerism, discontentment, etc.)?

Pray that we as a church family would love Columbia, take responsibility for Columbia, put down roots in Columbia and push back darkness in Columbia for as long as it is our home.

Pray that we would embrace the privilege to send out people to put down roots and create Jesus-Centered Family on Mission in whatever places they go.