

## MANHOOD || WOMANHOOD

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Describe a time when you resolved a conflict or a conflict was resolved in your life. How did you feel in the conflict? How did you feel after it was resolved?

## TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK

Read Genesis 3:15

Who does the snake represent? Who does the woman represent? Who is the offspring of the serpent? Who is the offspring of the woman?

Based on the last question, what is meant by enmity between the serpent and the woman and their respective offspring? What is another word for enmity? What is the opposite of enmity? What does that look like in the world around us?

The seed of the woman clearly wins in this pronouncement from God, how do we know that? What event is God pointing to?

Read Romans 5:1-11

Why was there a lack of peace with God?

Based on the passage, how would you respond to those who say "we are all born as a clean slate"? Is that true? Why or why not?

What event led to us being reconciled to God? Based on this passage how do we obtain that reconciliation?

## TAKE IT HOME:

How does suffering produce endurance? Have you seen that in your life? How?

How does endurance produce character? How have you seen that in your life?

How does character produce hope? What would be shameful about hope? Why does Paul say our hope does not put us to shame?

If we really believe that we have been corrupted and Christ came to correct it, who in your life needs to hear the message that Christ has corrected the sin problem and reconciled us to God? How can you begin to share that with them? Who can hold you accountable for that?