

## **Established and Abounding**

### **Established in:** the Created Nature of Humankind

- 1) What do the people you know believe about the origin of humankind?
- 2) According to those you know, what is the purpose of humankind?
- 3) Read Romans 1:18-25. How do these verses describe the origin of humankind?
- 4) Romans 1:18-25 describes humans failing to acknowledge their origin. What would it look like if humans fully recognized and acknowledged their Creator? (Hint: think about the opposite of what you see in these verses.)
- 5) What do these verses suggest about the purpose of humankind?
- 6) It is impossible for created beings to find purpose apart from our Creator. What does this passage say happens to us when we reject Him? How does that resonate with your experience?
- 7) Identify and define the different aspects of a human being mentioned in these verses.
- 8) When did corruption begin according to these verses? In which part did it start, how did it spread, and where did it ultimately lead?

### **Abounding with Thanks for:** the Created Nature of Humankind

- 9) According to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, what parts of the human being does God want to sanctify? (See also Hebrews 12:23, 1 Peter 1:9, Romans 8:23 for references to the ultimate salvation of the spirit, soul, and body.)
- 10) Read Romans 12:1-2. Considering the aspects of humanity that fell into corruption in Romans 1, what aspects are mentioned here, and how has salvation transformed how we live out each part of our being?