

# PILLARS

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** Do you have a memory of a time when someone opened their home and welcomed you? How did you feel?

**READ:** Genesis 2:8–10, 15

**FOCUS:** God makes places for His relationship with us, so we make places for our relationships with others.

**OBSERVE:**

- God created the garden for the man and woman where they would have relationship with Him, but they rejected the relationship and lost the place He intended for them.
- God still pursued people throughout the Old Testament. He established covenants with Abraham, Moses and David that defined his relationship with His people and specified a place for their relationship, but the people also rejected God's offer of relationship and the places He intended for them.
- God then sent His Son to establish the perfect relationship with people through the New Covenant. Jesus promised to prepare a place for those who believe in Him, and His return will bring a renewed place—the new heavens and new earth.
- God makes places for His relationships with us, so we make places for relationships with others by giving our time and sharing our space.

**DISCUSS:**

- What stood out to you or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- In what areas are you feeling led to give your time to others? How about making space?

**TAKE ACTION:**

- If you are not in a Life Group, consider making time to join one. If you are in a Life Group, consider how you can give your time to others in your group.
- If you are not in relationship with God, thank Him for creating space for you and ask Him to enter into a relationship with you.

**PRAY:** *Father, thank You for relentlessly pursuing us and providing a place where we can have relationship with You through Jesus Christ. Please help us to respond by extending our time and space to those You have placed in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen!*