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GROWING IN GOD'S GARDEN OF GRACE

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**RECAP:** This week Pastor Curtis talked about flourishing after divorce. While God's design for marriage is to be an unbroken covenant between husband and wife (represent the relationship between Christ and the Church) in a fallen world we commonly fall short of this intended design. Because most everyone has either directly or indirectly been impacted by divorce, it is imperative that we learn how to move ourselves and others toward God's design. To navigate divorce well, Pastor Curtis explained that God can sufficiently minister to us so that in Christ, we can heal, forgive, and be whole.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- How has divorce impacted you? Your family? (share as you feel comfortable)
- Read Psalm 34:18. How is healing possible post-divorce? What can you do to enable healing after experiencing or being impacted by divorce?
- As Pastor Curtis mentioned, one of the keys to flourishing after divorce is by allowing God to minister to you through His Spirit, His word, and His people.
  - *How can God minister to you through His Spirit? His word?*
  - *How might you be used by God in helping minister to those impacted by divorce?*
- Read Ephesians 4:31-32 and Psalm 103:8-12. What role should forgiveness play in the heart of someone who is impacted by divorce?
  - Is it necessary to feel forgiving to be forgiving? Why or why not?
  - *In the context of divorce, what is the basis for self-forgiveness? Why is it important to have self-forgiveness when necessary?*
- *On Sunday, Pastor Curtis explained that our foundation for wholeness is Christ. What is one step you can take this week toward living out your identity as whole in Christ? Who has been impacted by divorce that you can share that gospel truth with this week?*