**Leader Guide**

**Session 2**

**Video Teaching**

Play the video for session 2. As you watch, use the following outline to record any thoughts, questions, or points that stand out to you.

**Notes**

The two trees in Eden indicate the two approaches you can take to try to be godly:

Try to be godly through knowledge (the Tree of Knowledge)

Try to be godly through a relationship with God (the Tree of Life)

Three ways you can stay close to God and have a real relationship with him:

Focus on loving Jesus

Focus on the relationship, not the rules

Guard your heart from going back

Approach God out of delight instead of duty

**Group Discussion**

Take a few minutes with your group members to discuss what you just watched and explore these concepts in Scripture.

1. How would you describe your approach when it comes to reading the Bible and spending time with God in prayer? Do you view it a discipline or a delight?
2. In Genesis 2:8-9, God planted two trees in Eden, which represent two different ways of approaching him. What type of approach does the Tree of Knowledge represent? What is the problem with approaching God only in this way?
3. What type of approach to God does the Tree of Life represent? Of the two different approaches, which describes the way you tend to relate to God?
4. In John 14:15, Jesus said those who love him will keep his commands. How has a focus on loving Jesus led you to a greater desire to want to follow his commands?
5. Jesus challenged the religious leaders of his day because they focused on following God's law co the letter rather than on having a real relationship with him. As you look at your life, what are some ways you might be guilty of doing the same?
6. What are some effective ways you have found of maintaining your relationship with God? What changes have you seen in your life as a result?