

# GRACE POINT

## Own It Part 1: Let the Blames Begin

Genesis 1:27-30, 3:8-13

1. What was most meaningful, memorable, or challenging to you from the message this week?
2. What are some quirks that are easy to spot in other people's lives, but difficult to spot in your own?
3. How does your irresponsibility affect those around you? Provide a recent example of how your irresponsibility affected someone else.
4. Read Genesis 1:27-29. Why would taking increased ownership result in the need for fewer rules?
5. Read Genesis 3:8-13. Where there is blame, there is shame. What is your best strategy in the "blame game"? (How have you effectively avoided responsibility?)
6. What can you do this week to own your share of ownership instead of focusing on the shortcomings of others?

### MOVING FORWARD

Although we were created for ownership, there is something in all of us that wants to avoid it in some areas. As a result, our irresponsibility creates conflict—with our families, friends, co-workers, even strangers. So this week, the challenge is to pay attention to our excuses, being sensitive to how we blame everyone else but ourselves, and asking:

Am I taking ownership for my life . . . . . really?!?!

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

Genesis 3:12-13