



Welcome + Opening Prayer

THEMATIC OVERVIEW

God's gracious response to our hiding.

Genesis 3:7-24

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Explore + Apply

1. How has your expectation of God been shaped by key people in your life who responded in shaming anger or disinterest when you messed up/had a moment of vulnerability/failed? What does God's question to Adam and Eve in verse 9 ("Where are you?") reveal about His posture and pursuit of you, especially in moments of vulnerability and failure?
2. How do you tend to hide? What, if you lost it, would make you feel naked? How does God's invitation to come out of hiding and to find your hiding place in Him change your ability to be more honest about your failure— especially its relational impact on God and other people in your life?
3. How does this passage affect your understanding of what "sin" really is? How is "sin" more than simply "not complying" with a code of conduct? What does God really want of us? How does that shape the way we feel about our failures? Consider the difference between "godly sorrow" and "worldly sorrow" in a recent failure in your life (*see note on the left*).

GODLY/WORLDLY SORROW

*"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."
— 2 Corinthians 7:10*

Godly sorrow focuses on the offense and pain our sin has caused God and others and says: "The impact on you grieves me." This opens up a path to repair, healing dialogue, and requires Christ to cover us in the vulnerability required. Worldly sorrow focuses on the pain sin has caused me. The impact upon me takes up all of my view like a child who thinks they are hiding when their hands covers their eyes. This selfishness leads to the death of relationships and away from life in God.

PRAYER GUIDELINES

In prayer, we ask God to transform us and the world around us with His grace.

GROUP SCHEDULE - FALL

Next Meeting: week of Nov 4

*Thanksgiving: week of Nov 18
Discuss if you plan to host a meal as a home group and consider inviting neighbors or saving space for people with no where to go.*

Pray

- Spend time praising God that He desires to cover us when we come out of hiding.
- Pray and listen: What are ways you currently hide *from* God and curate a false version of yourself to others? Where did you learn to do that? How would hiding *in* God be different?
- Imagine yourself, your neighbors, family, friends, our country, other countries freed from the need to hide. Pray for the gift of godly sorrow for sin— a sorrow that is willing to see beyond our personal pain to how we impact others; a willingness to be honest about our harmful contribution. What would our work life, political life, neighborhood, family be like if "worldly sorrow" were less common than "godly sorrow"?

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

Genesis 3:7-24

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and
between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall
be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and
thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the Lord God
made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil.
Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³
therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was
taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a
flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.