

Study Guide  
Hide & Seek – Week 3  
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Genesis 3:8-10 (NLT) – When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.””

Has pain and shame ever caused you to hide from God?  
Discuss reasons why people are afraid of God.

Ever since the days of Adam and Eve, people have hid from God. When God asked where Adam and Eve were, it wasn't because He didn't know. He wanted to invite them out of hiding, and He is always extending the same offer to us. God is serious about hiding, because He knows that it is in hiding where Satan can truly have his way in our lives. If Satan can get us into isolation, he will begin his devastation and molestation.

How have you seen the enemy use isolation to bring devastation?

James 5:16 (MSG) – “Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

Is confessing your sins and praying a common practice of yours?

We have to confess the mess in our lives. What we conceal, God cannot heal. For God to heal it, we must reveal it.

Read Ephesians 5:8-11.

What does living as people of light look like to you?

Living as people of light doesn't mean that you will do everything right. People of light mess up, but then they fess up. We must uncover to recover. Our issue must be revealed to be healed.

Would you describe yourself as someone who is quick to fess up when you mess up?

In hide and seek, you take turns being the seeker and the hider. God is not only the seeker, He is also the hider.

Read Isaiah 45:15 and Luke 18:34.

Discuss reasons why you think God hides Himself?

God hides because He is not a cheap trip. He is valuable, and He will not be found by those who do not see His value.

Read Acts 17:22-27.

What was God's purpose for the nations?

Read John 14:21-23 and Matthew 13:11-12.

What stands out to you in these verses?

In these verses, Jesus is saying He is hidden from them because they do not value Him. He also says that Him and His truth is not hidden from those who value Him. God doesn't hide to be hidden; He hides to be found. The ways that we demonstrate to God that we value Him is by seeking Him.

Read Jeremiah 29:11-14 and Hebrews 11:6.

Discuss what it means to seek God with all your heart?

How much do you seek God?

Diligent is not casual, it is desperate. Diligently seeking means that it is the most important thing in your life.

How "diligent" are you in seeking God?

We seek for someone or something with our eyes. In the days we are living in, we have to make sure we are looking at the right thing or person! With all that is going on, the outlook is not good, but if we look up, we will see God. We must go from outlook to uplook!

What do you spend the most of your time looking at?

Do you focus more on the outlook or the uplook?

Read Colossians 3:1-2 and Matthew 6:22-23.

Do you tend to focus more on what the world is doing or what God is doing?

Read Proverbs 4:25-27.

What does this verse instruct us to do.

Spiritual crashes come from distraction, and Satan brings them daily. The key is not to focus on all the distractions; the key is dedicating to the right attraction. We're not easily distracted from what we are attracted to.

What are some things you are attracted to?

Read Hebrews 12:2.

The father was Jesus' main attraction, and He was able to avoid distraction by focusing on Him.

How will you seek God this week?