

Study Guide
Hide & Seek
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When was the last time you played a game of hide & seek?
Which do you enjoy more – being the hider or the seeker?

Genesis 3:8 (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.

How many times would you estimate that you have hid from God?
Discuss why you think it's our inclination to run and hide from God instead of running to Him.

Ever since the days of Adam and Eve, people have hid from God. We are the hiders, and He is the seeker. Every Time God finds one of us, He and all of heaven rejoices; they get excited!

Have you ever considered that heaven rejoices when we return to the Father?
Discuss how knowing this could impact people that are in hiding.

Genesis 3:9-10 (NLT) – 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.””

What are some reasons you have been afraid and hid from God?
Discuss the tactics you think the enemy uses to cause people to be afraid and hide from God.

God was saying to Adam and Eve, “Come out, come out, wherever you are.” If you are hiding, God extending the same offer to you. It's not that God doesn't know where you are, it's that He wants to invite you out of hiding.

Is there anything you are currently hiding?
Discuss some of the dangers of hiding.

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 molestation.

Why and how is isolation dangerous?
How has Satan personally assaulted or abused you?
What does the enemy leave us with after we are attacked?

In the bible, Jesus continually called out hypocrites. A hypocrite is an actor or pretender.

When you think of the word hypocrite, who or what comes to mind?
Why did Jesus hate hypocrisy?

We'll never mend as long as we pretend. When you pretend long enough not only do others not know the truth you, neither do you. God wants us to stop pretending so He can start mending.

In what ways have you been guilty of pretending?

Is there anything currently in your life you are hiding or pretending that you need to give to God so He can start mending?

In the world today, there is all this noise about finding yourself. We continually hear about finding ourselves in this world, but the world is where we get lost. We only find who we are in the Word.

In all honesty, how much time do you spend each week in the Word?

How much time do you spend engaged with the world (through tv, social media, secular media, etc.)?

Read James 1:23-25.

James calls the Word a mirror. It shows us our true reflection. The mirror of the world casts a false reflection and results in a perception of rejection. The world's mirror tells us who we're not. The Word tells us who we are.

How would you describe yourself based on what the world says?

What does the Word say about who you are?

Compare and contrast the two.

When we pretend and perform, we are attempting to conform to be accepted instead of rejected. All this does is increase our feelings of inadequacy and insecurity. It's only when we stop pretending that we can start attending to our purpose.

Read Romans 12:2.

What are we to not conform to?

What are we to be transformed by?

The world will conform you, but the Word will transform you. The Word will transform you into who you were always created to be.

Read Mark 9:1-3.

What does it say Jesus' appearance was?

In His transformation, came the true revelation of who Jesus really was. As the Word begins to transform, we can then begin to attend to God's purpose.

How much time this week will you spend allowing the Word to help transform you?