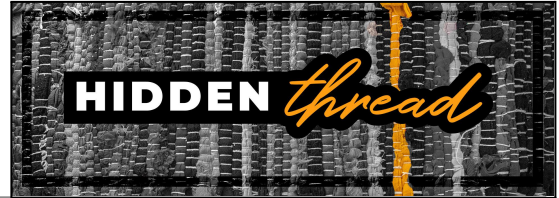


HIDDEN THREAD | WEEK 1

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SERIES INSIGHT

When we want to find Jesus and know more about him, we often go to the New Testament as our source. Though a good option, this isn't the *only* place where Jesus can be found! He was there in the beginning and throughout the old covenant. **Hidden Thread** will uncover the "hidden" thread you maybe didn't see before of Jesus throughout the Old Testament.

ICEBREAKER

- If all forms of transportation no longer exist and you could only rollerblade, pogo stick, or scooter to get anywhere, what would be your primary mode of transportation?
- What has been the best year of your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Have you ever noticed that Jesus can be seen throughout the Old Testament, not just the New? In what ways have you noticed this?
3. The first thread Pastor Des talked about this weekend was that of grace. It is the undeserved, unmerited favor from God (Eph. 2:8). Have you sat with the reality of this truth? What does grace mean to you?
4. Read Genesis 17:1-10 and Colossians 2:11-12. At the root of this passage, God was speaking to Abraham about his identity and the circumcision required. In the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit does a circumcision of the heart in us. Take a moment to ponder this thought: Is there something in your life that you need to "cut away"?
5. Pastor Des mentioned that "an uncircumcised heart resists the Holy Spirit". Are there areas in your life where you are struggling and resisting the work of the Holy Spirit? What does that look like?
6. Do you have a promise God has given you that gives you hope?
7. Read Romans 4:18-24. It says "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed..." Is there any place in your life where your faith feels weak right now? A place where you need hope?

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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