

Sermon Discussion Questions

Seen – Matt Slocum

Sermon Text: Genesis 16:1-13

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

INTRODUCTION

On this special day, "Mama's Boy", Pastor Matt Slocum brings us a message entitled Seen. Let's take a deeper look at the God we see, who also sees us, in this Mother's Day message. (8 May 2022)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were asked to make a list of the times when God had been faithful to us. Share some of these moments with the group.
2. What is something that really jumped out at you from the message this week?
3. Hagar, a slave, is not important to the world. She is invisible. But God sees her. God sees the unseen. Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt unseen by everyone around you? Did you even feel that you were unseen by God?
4. Hagar encountered *El Roi* in the wilderness. *El Roi* is the God she sees. It also means that he is the God who sees her. In this difficult moment, Hagar recognizes that the God she sees, sees her. What difference does it make in our lives when we recognize that the God we see, also sees us? And not only sees us, but cares for us?

APPLICATION

Our world only celebrates what is seen. But God celebrates what is unseen. Have there been times in your life when you feel like what you have done is overlooked? Jot those things down, and then spend a few minutes meditating on the reality that God notices all of the things in your life that were never cause for the world to celebrate. Be encouraged and uplifted to know that the God of the universe is intimately concerned about YOU! YOU ARE SEEN! Be ready to share a few of those moments next week.

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. How many cups of coffee, tea, or beverage-of-choice do you have each morning?
2. What is the best dish you can cook?
3. If you had a million dollars, what would you buy first?

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that God will give you eyes and site to see the “unseen”. Pray that he will move your heart so you will see people as he sees them.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

The Send – 14 May. Register at: <https://thesend.org/>

Baptisms – 15 May

(<https://nwckc.com/baptism?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2NhLyt0Y2ZoZmN4P2VtYmVkJmJyYW5kaW5n>)

Men’s Breakfast – 21 May. See Facebook for details (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nwckc>)

Middle and High School Camp (6th-12th grades) – 31 May-3 June (<https://nwckc.com/youth>)

Kid’s Camp – 6-8 July (<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+8fznc5d>)

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