

No More Hiding

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INTRODUCTION

Universally the essence of shame is this. That deep down we sense that *something is wrong with me. That I am broken. That I am bad. That I don't matter. That I am not enough. I am not _____ enough.* You fill in the blanks. And it causes us to HIDE.

“Where are you?” (Genesis 3)

Coming Into the Light (1 John 1:5-9; James 5:16)

How do we become a place where it is safe to do that?

- We glory in the Gospel (Colossians 3:15-17)
 - We welcome sinners (Luke 15:2)
 - We rejoice when one sinner repents because of the Gospel (Luke 15:7)
- [Repeat]

Restoring a Repentant Sinner in the Early Church (2 Corinthians 1:5-11)

Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. Why do you think shame is felt so universally?
2. *I am not enough. I am bad. There's something wrong with me...* what other kind of statements reflect the shame we all carry because of sin?
3. How does the Gospel invite us to come “out of hiding”?
4. What kind of people do we need to be for others to feel safe to come “out of hiding” with us?
5. How may a church, our church, be a place that properly forgives and restores those caught in sin?