

I have a Q: Hiding from God

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will rethink what I believe about Heaven and life after death.
- I will allow the resurrection to change the way I view and understand death.
- I will read "The Denial of Death" by Ernest Becker.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

One day Jesus wanted a group of people to face up to the truth about their spiritual condition — that they want to hide, they need to be found, and there's some confusion about being found. So, in typical fashion, He tells a story to help them understand both their own condition and their value to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Although we seek a deeper relationship with God, we tend to go astray and hide from God. We do this sometimes knowingly and sometimes without realizing what we are doing. When do you choose to hide from God?
2. Why does God allow human beings to go astray or/hide from him?
3. What is the definition of sin, and what does sin involve?
4. Do you see yourself as a sinner? Would any of you share your thoughts with the group?

5. We sometimes refuse to acknowledge that we are lost and in need of salvation. Why?

6. Recall the definition of cast sheep. As a lost sheep is likely to die, we have no way to get back to God on our own. Apostle Paul wrote in Romans, "The wages of sin is death." Prophet Isaiah wrote, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6)." When we were separated from God like a lost sheep through our sin, how did God reach out to us to make us right?

7. Explain what the cross means.

8. Define grace. Why is salvation possible only through God's grace?

9. Jesus has come as God in human form searching for us. God invites us to trust him and throw ourselves into His arms, and this takes giving our control over to God. What actions does this require?

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Luke 15:1-7
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Genesis 3:10
- Isaiah 53:6
- Genesis 3:8-10

Prayer Request(s)

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