
CONNECT *BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING*

- Have you heard God speak to you before? What did he say?
- What about hearing God's voice is most exciting to you?

TRUTH *UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE'S MEANING*

This week, we're in the fourth part of our series *With God*.

This week, we'll be the beginning chapters of Genesis. We'll be learning from Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, that if we want to hear God *we must give Him our full attention*.

A GIFT OF GLORY

READ: Genesis 2:26-31

DISCUSS: What are God's goals in the first things he says to mankind?

Just like He did to our father and mother, God speaks to us to bless us and make us like Him, to make us "images" of Him as we listen to Him. Do we believe that God's commands are meant to make us glorious and blessed?

OUR SHAME AND FEAR

READ: Genesis 3:1-13

DISCUSS: Why do Adam and Eve hide themselves from God? What has changed in their relationship?

Adam and Eve are so much like us—which is why the Bible starts with their story. Just like them, we don't want to be fully reliant on and obedient to God, and so we reach out to grab happiness where we think we can find it; and just like them, we discover that only God can give good gifts. Often the reason we don't hear God is because we are hiding from Him, afraid of what he'll say to us and ask of us. What are we hiding behind? What are we hiding from? What will it take for us to come before God in all our vulnerability?

GRACE *SEE HOW THE PASSAGE CONNECTS TO JESUS*

Read Psalm 1, slowly.

Meditate on God's promise of what His word will do in you if you attend to it: give you life and blessing and peace. Remind yourself of how trustworthy your God is.

CHANGE *APPLY THE PASSAGE TO OUR THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND ACTIONS*

- Is there something God is trying to say to you that you have been hiding from?
- What would it look like for you to "meditate" on God's voice? How can you make time to do that?

PRAYER *RESPOND TO THE PASSAGE IN PRAYER*

- Thank God that He loves us even when we are naked and ashamed, and clothes us in His righteousness.
- Take a few minutes and practice listening prayer: be silent as a group and give God space to speak to you if he wants to. If He speaks to you, listen; if not, enjoy simply being in His presence.