



Life Group Material

Sunday 26th January

ICE BREAKER: This week we are thinking about ‘Where are You?’

Take some time to talk about some nice places you have been to (holiday, trip etc) or a specific place that you love to go to regularly and why.

ENCOUNTER:

In Genesis 3 v 9 God asks Adam a personal question, ‘Where are you?’

Talk about how easy or difficult it is for you to stop and reflect on different areas in your life. What things could you do to make this a regular habit?

FOCUS: Where are You? Hiding from God. Genesis 3 v 9

Q1: Genesis 3 v 9. God asks Adam ‘Where are You?’

Adam is hiding from God because he has sinned. Do we do that? What is our reaction when you sin? What should our response be? Consider what scripture says about:

confession (1 John 1 v 9, Proverbs 28 v 13, Psalm 32 v 5)

repentance (Acts 3 v 19, Matthew 3 v 8, Matthew 4 v 17)

forgiveness (Luke 23 v 34, Ephesians 1 v 7, 1 John 1 v 9, Hebrews 10 v 17)

We must remember that God looks for Adam & seeks him out. What can we learn from this?

Q2: Where are You? Running from God. Sin affecting others.

The prophet Jonah initially ran from God when God called him to Nineveh to tell the people to repent (Jonah 1 v 1-3). His disobedience towards God got him into a terrible situation. He comes back to God and does what God asked him to do, but in the end, ends up disappointed with God. Jonah gets himself into a situation when he’s sleeping on the boat on the way to Tarshish (chapter 1 v 4-14).

Discuss together what you think about Jonah’s sin affecting those who were on the boat. Jonah’s sin put them in a very difficult situation. His sin was far reaching and others were impacted because of his personal sin. His sin finds him out. It’s Interesting that God asks

Adam if he has sinned in Genesis 3 v 11. Our sin will always find us out and we can't run or hide from God. He knows about our sin.

Q3: Where are You? Left first love.

Read Revelation 2 v 1-7.

This is a letter to a church. Things looked so good but the Lord had one thing against them (v4). He then tells them what they need to do (v5).

Discuss how important it is for the local church to keep Jesus at the centre.

What were the consequences for this church (v5)?

Q4: Where are You? Seeking more of God.

Moses reached a point in his life when all he desired was more of God. Read Exodus 33 v 18.

How can we encourage each other to get to that place?

ACTIVATION:

The Discipleship Pathway is key for us at EMBC in our vision. Now would be a good time for you to reflect on where you are as a disciple, commit yourself afresh to God and write down your next steps and how you intend to get to that place.

Share as a group if it's appropriate and pray together.