

## God's Got Questions!

Lesson One • Genesis 3:6-13

### The Hiding Reflex

#### The Value of God's Questions:

God's questions are for OUR BENEFIT—they challenge what we believe and how we behave!

#### The Hiding Reflex:

Adam and Eve HEARD the sound of the LORD God and then tried to HIDE from the presence of the LORD God.

But the Lord God called out, "Where are you?"

*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" Genesis 3:6-9 NIV*

God's Question: "Where are you?"

## 1. This Question EXPOSES Our Hiding Reflex!

#### What drives us to hide?

Our hiding is motivated by SHAME and FEAR resulting from our sin.

*He answered, "I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."  
And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" Genesis 3:10-11 NIV*

#### The Many Ways We Hide:

- We hide through AVOIDANCE. Genesis 3:8

- We hide behind BUSYNESS.
- We hide behind ACCOMPLISHMENT.
- We hide behind PLEASURE.
- We hide behind RELIGIOUS activity.
- We hide by shifting BLAME. Genesis 3:12-13

## 2. This Question REVEALS God's Searching Heart!

#### When We Sin and Hide...

- God graciously SEEKS US OUT. Ezekiel 34:11 Luke 19:10
- God will always FIND US. Psalm 139
- God longs for our REDEMPTION, not our punishment. Luke 15:11-32

#### We Have Two Options When We Sin:

☐ CONCEAL it! OR ☐ CONFESS it!

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
1John 1:8-9 ESV*