

### **March 17, 2024 - Questions: Why Do You Hide?**

Feel free to **PICK AND CHOOSE** some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

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#### **Connect:**

When you played hide and seek as a child, did you prefer to hide or to seek? Which one were you better at? When do you find yourself “complaining” or “lamenting” to God the most?

#### **Engage:**

**Read Psalm 10:1:** The writer of this Psalm, generally thought to be David, begins by asking some really hard questions. What things in our world today, or in your own personal life, have caused you to feel this way or to ask this question of God yourself? Is it ok to question God like this? Do you feel guilt or denial/doubt when you question God in this way?

**Read Psalm 10:2-11:** These verses lament the frustrating reality of injustice and what can be viewed as the success of the wicked. What attributes of the “wicked man” jump out most to you in this passage? How are the “wicked man's” thoughts about God contradictory? How do they have a skewed view of themselves? How can we guard our hearts against adopting such attitudes?

**Read Psalm 10: 12-16:** What truths strengthen the psalmist's heart in times of trial and hardship? Who or what comes to mind when you think about the suffering and the afflicted? How does our view of God and self impact our actions?

**Read Psalm 10:16-18:** How does the reminder of God's sovereignty in these verses provide comfort in times of trouble? How can we maintain our trust in God's justice even when it seems delayed?

#### **Apply:**

What are some ways that you intentionally remember what God has done? How can we better create these “Ebenezers,” or marking places, in our day-to-day rhythms to remember His work in our lives?

What actions can we take in our daily lives to uphold justice and stand up for the oppressed?

How can this Psalm influence your prayer life during times of personal or societal injustice and challenge you to react differently to wickedness and injustice you observe around you?

#### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we worship You! You are all-knowing, all-powerful, and sovereign over and in all. Your Word tells us that you are working all things together for good for those who love you, Lord (Romans 8:28)! We trust in YOU! When we see wickedness in the world or when we see bad things happen to good people, we ask that you give us wisdom and guidance in how to wrestle with that. Lead us in how to be light in the dark places of the world, and to be your hands and feet so that we can be a part of your work in breaking the chains of injustice here on Earth. We pray YOUR will be done, Lord, and for our hearts to let go, remember that You are faithful when we are faithless (2 Timothy 2:13), and trust you so we might find freedom!

**Top 3:**

Easter is just around the corner, and we want you to help us be ready for what's ahead. **We will not have regular Wednesday night programming on campus the week of Easter, Wednesday, March 27.** Encourage your group to pray for our upcoming Easter service and invite friends and family to join us in our Easter celebrations!

**Good Friday Night of Worship - March 29 at 6:00 pm**

Plan to join us for a night of worship and reflection as we remember Jesus's death and anticipate Easter.

**Easter - March 31 | Three Services**

We're looking forward to Easter this year with three worship services at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am. Plan ahead and join us in inviting and praying for Easter. We encourage you and your groups to make plans to worship one service and to serve one service this Easter.