

# Life Group Discussion Guide

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
*I QUIT HIDING (GENESIS 3:7-21)*  
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## INTRODUCTION

Many of us find it hard to face God immediately after we have sinned. Like Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:1-21, we feel the need to try and hide from God. We hide in fear and shame instead of believing the promise that God's desire is for us to draw close to Him. In spite of our sin, God still looks for us and calls out to us. He seeks us, even though we are tainted by sin. Let us not be afraid to turn to God in our need. He offers us reconciliation and freedom from our sin.

## DISCUSSION KICK OFF

1. Did you ever play Hide and Seek as a kid? What was your "go to" hiding spot (we promise not to tell)?
2. Were you ever elusive after breaking one of your parents' rules? Why? What happened?

## EVALUATE IT

### Have a volunteer read Genesis 3:7-21

1. Why did Adam and Eve feel they needed to hide from God? Was this a correct assumption? Why or why not?
2. Why did an all-knowing God call out to Adam and Eve, "Where are you?"
3. Once God "found" Adam and Eve, how did He respond to their failure? What did He do for them (Genesis 3:21)?
4. Read 1 Kings 19:1-13. What does Elijah's fear (absence of faith) cause him to do? How does God respond to Elijah? What do you learn about God from the wind, fire, earthquake and gentle whisper?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. While we don't physically hide from God like Adam and Eve, how do you hide from God in 2016?
2. Can you think of three harder words to say than, "I am sorry"? How easy is it for you to admit when you're wrong? Is it easier to hide or admit/confess? Why?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to come out of a place where you are hiding?

## ILLUSTRATION

John D. Rockefeller built the great Standard Oil Empire. Not surprisingly, Rockefeller was a man who demanded high performance from his company executives. One day, one of those executives made a two million dollar mistake.

Word of the man's enormous error quickly spread throughout the executive offices and the other men began to make themselves scarce. Afraid of Rockefeller's reaction, they didn't even want to cross his path.

One man didn't have any choice, however, since he had an appointment with the boss. So he straightened his shoulders and tightened his belt and walked into Rockefeller's office. As he approached the oil monarch's desk, Rockefeller looked up from the piece of paper on which he was writing.

"I guess you've heard about the two million dollar mistake our friend made," he said abruptly.

"Yes," the executive said, expecting Rockefeller to explode.

"Well, I've been sitting here listing all of our friend's good qualities on this sheet of paper and I've discovered that in the past he has made us many more times the amount he lost for us today by his one mistake. His good points far outweigh this one human error. So I think we ought to forgive him, don't you?"

Charles Paul Conn, *Making It Happen*



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