

Haunting Questions – Week 9 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer 

Ice Breaker 

1. As a kid, did you ever get caught red-handed doing something but still denied it?
2. What's a hiding place you used as a kid when you were in trouble?
3. What's a moment when honesty cost you something but brought freedom?

Discuss 

Main Scriptures: Genesis 3:7-13

1. In Genesis 3:8-9, God asks Adam, "Where are you?" Why do you think God asked that, even though he already knew?

Leaders Note: God didn't ask the question because He lacked knowledge. He already knew exactly where Adam was hiding. The question was **for Adam's sake, not God's**. By asking "Where are you?", God was inviting Adam to:

- **Acknowledge his condition** — Adam was hiding because of fear, shame, and guilt.
 - **Admit his separation** — sin had broken fellowship, and Adam needed to face that truth.
 - **Start restoration** — God's question wasn't condemnation, but an invitation back into relationship.
2. Adam and Eve tried to cover themselves with fig leaves (v. 7). What are "fig leaves" people use today to cover up shame or sin?
 3. Pastor Jeff said, "God's power won't work in me without my honesty about me." Where do you find it hardest to be honest with God?
 4. In Genesis 3:10, Adam says, "I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." What fears keep us hiding from God today?
 5. Pastor Jeff said, "Sometimes we admit how we are, but not what we've done." What's the difference between those two confessions?
 6. Psalm 51 shows David admitting his sin fully to God. How does his prayer model the right way to respond when we're "caught"?

7. In Genesis 3:12-13, Adam blames Eve and Eve blames the serpent. Why is it easier to shift blame than accept it?
8. Looking back at this story, what would true honesty before God have looked like for Adam and Eve? What would it look like for you right now?

Practice

1. Share with the group one thing from this message that stood out to you the most?
2. Read Psalm 51 once a day this week as a prayer of honesty and restoration.