

Taking Worship Home

Discuss one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

*In the game Hide and Go Seek, which do you enjoy more, hiding or seeking?
Why?*

Where is the farthest place from home you have ever traveled? Why did you go there?

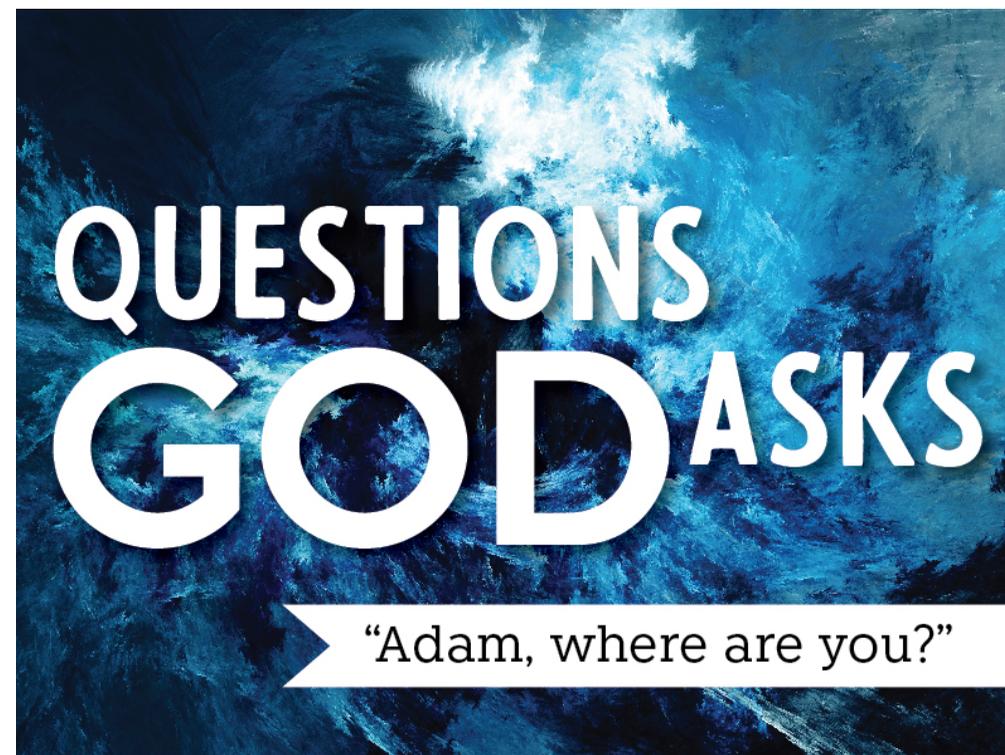
*Would you rather go for a walk by yourself or with a large group of people?
Why?*

Talk about one or more of the following with people who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

*What are some things that often get in the way of your relationship with Jesus?
With others?*

When you hear God's question, "Where are you?," do you receive hear it as invitation or challenge? Why?

When God calls us out of hiding in sin, he also causes us to walk in newness of life? What images do you associate with walking in newness of life? What promises from Jesus shape your new walk?



Prayer for the Week

Lord God our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word; and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Song for the Week

Reflect on the words of this song/hymn and hold onto the promises it speaks.

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

*All mankind fell in Adam’s fall,
one common sin infects us all;
From sire to son the bane descends,
and over all the curse impends.*

*Through humankind corruption creeps
and them in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt they draw the infant breath
and reap its fruits of woe and death.*

*But Christ, the second Adam, came
to bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
our only hope, our only stay.*

Sermon Notes

Scripture for the Week

Meditate on the following readings from worship throughout the week.

- *Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-10*
- *New Testament: James 1:13-15*
- *Gospel: John 5:37-42*