



Where are you?

Genesis 3:9-13

IDEA: You must know where we are in relation to God.

If you are located in “concealment” move to admission

Give up hiding (it never works)

Self report to God

He promises to forgive

If you are located in “blame” move to responsibility

Our failure is never the fault of someone else

He promises to restore

If you are located in “guilt” to move to mercy

You cannot make up for your failures

Jesus has paid for your failures

He promises acceptance

If you are located in “shame” move to grace

Shame casts us upon His favor

Unresolved shame casts doubt on the work of God

He promises change

Discussion Questions

1. When God asked Adam, "Where are you?" He already knew the answer. Why do you think God often asks questions instead of simply making statements, and what does this reveal about His desire for a relationship with us?
2. Adam responded by hiding, blaming, and excusing his actions. Which of those responses do you find most tempting when you fail or sin, and why do you think that response comes so naturally?
3. The study contrasts concealment with admission, blame with responsibility, guilt with mercy, and shame with grace. Which of these spiritual "locations" have you experienced most recently, and what practical steps can help you move toward God's solution?
4. Genesis 3:21 shows God providing a covering for Adam and Eve, pointing forward to Christ's work on the cross. How does understanding God's grace and acceptance through Jesus help us deal with lingering guilt and shame from our past?