



Week 1

Sermon Series: God With Us

Sermon Title: Hide & Seek

Sermon Text: Genesis 2:4-3:24

Group Week of: November 27, 2022

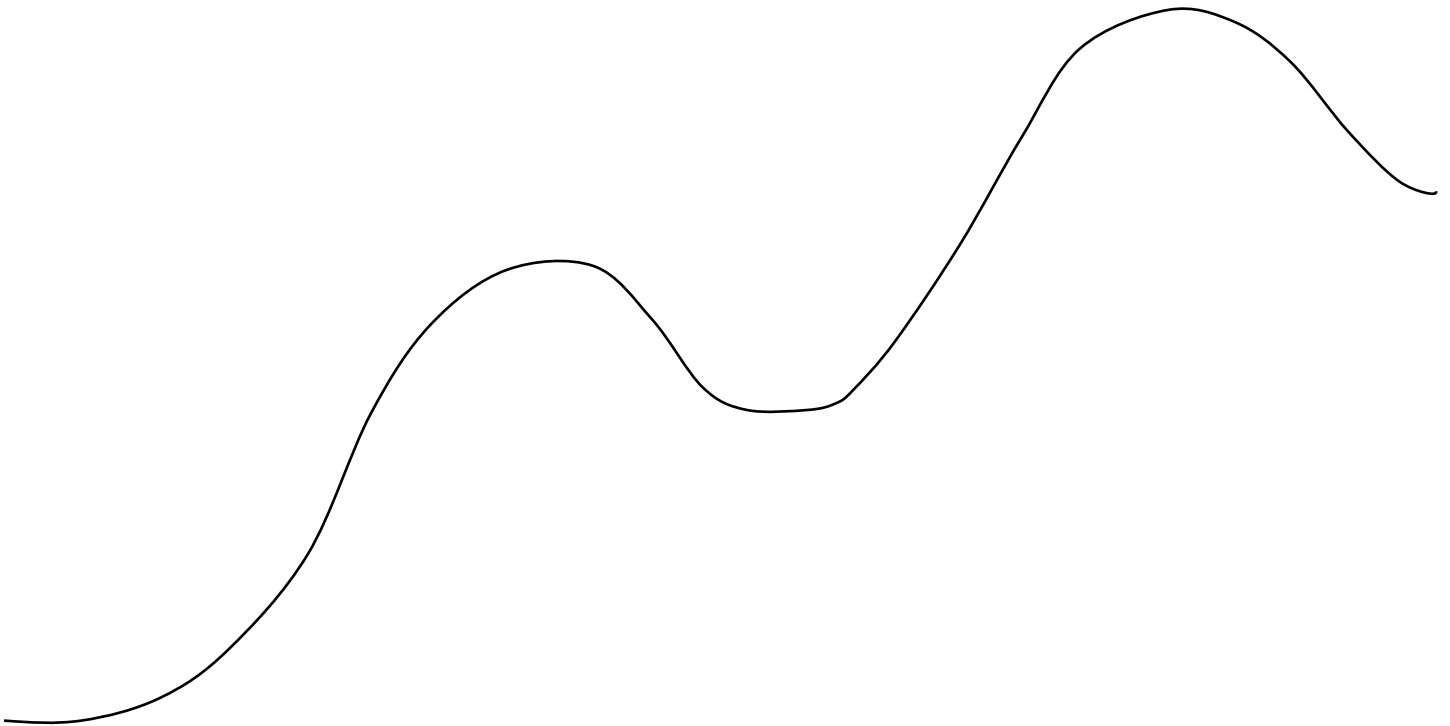
Sermon Date: December 4, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Description of Heaven – Rev 21:9-22:5
Day 2	Man and Woman – Ephesians 5:21-33
Day 3	Satan & Lies – John 8:42-47
Day 4	Hiding from God – Psalm 139
Day 5	Crushing the Serpent – Hebrews 2:14-18

The Text: Genesis 2:4-3:24

Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the “Story Arc” below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the central lesson(s) in this story?
- 2) What is the purpose of the garden in chapter 2?
- 3) How does God show that though he has banished Adam and Eve from the garden, He still desires to be in a relationship with them?

- 4) This year, we will explore the idea of *God with us* from Genesis to Revelation. The major points will be—the Garden, the temple/tabernacle, the manger, the Great Commission, and the New Heavens and New Earth. With that in mind, what can you learn from Genesis 2:4-3:24 about God being with mankind both before and after the fall?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) One interesting aspect of the holidays is that depression tends to go up during this time of the year. Why do you think that is?

- 2) How often do you feel lonely? When you do feel lonely, how much comfort truly comes to you when you know that God is with you?

- 3) Before the fall, Adam and Eve truly understood what it was like to be in a perfect relationship with God. They were able to walk with Him in the Garden. What do you think it was like for Adam and Eve to be able to have such a close relationship with God?

- 4) As soon as Adam and Eve sinned, their relationship with God was destroyed. What is their first act that shows us the separation from God due to sin? Secondly, when you sin, do you usually move towards or pull away from God?

- 5) Sin has terrible consequences. We see this in the curses that come upon Adam and Eve as well as their banishment from the Garden. Nevertheless, we also see God doing things that show He is still going to be with humanity. What are those things in chapter 3?

- 6) Though we may hide from God, He will still seek us, cover our shame, and provide away for us to be together forever. How does knowing that God will pursue you, even if you run from Him, help you when you feel alone? Share that with your group, and pray that God would give you someone to share His love with this Christmas season.