

Dear God... Sincerely, Me

Discussion Questions

These are designed to move from observation, to reflection, to application, while keeping the conversation centered on Genesis 3 rather than drifting into generic discussion.

1. What part of the sermon or Genesis 3 stood out to you the most, and why?
2. Read Genesis 3:6–13 together. What progression do you see after Adam and Eve sinned? (Covering → Hiding → Fear → Blaming.) Which step surprises you the most?
3. The sermon suggested that “relationships can only grow to the level of honesty they’re able to sustain.” Do you agree? How have you seen that principle play out in friendships, marriage, family, or your relationship with God?
4. Adam and Eve made fig leaves before they hid. What are some modern-day “fig leaves” people use to cover shame, insecurity, or sin? Which ones are most common in our culture?
5. God asks Adam, “Where are you?” even though He already knows the answer. Why do you think God asks questions He already knows the answer to? What does that reveal about His character?
6. Adam and Eve both explained what happened, but neither initially owned their own responsibility. Why is taking ownership so difficult? What are some subtle ways we deflect or justify instead of admitting?
7. Read Genesis 3:21. What does it mean that God provided the covering Adam and Eve could not provide for themselves? How does this point forward to the gospel?
8. Is there an area of your life where you’ve been trying to manage, explain, hide, or cover something instead of bringing it honestly before God? Without sharing anything you’re uncomfortable sharing, what makes honesty feel costly?
9. The sermon said, “You will never experience closeness with the version of yourself you’re pretending to be.” How does that statement challenge or encourage you? What would greater honesty with God look like this week?

10. **Spend a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the question He asked Adam: “Where are you?” Then pray together, asking for the courage to step out from behind whatever “tree” or “fig leaves” you’ve been hiding behind and to experience the grace of a God who pursues rather than withdraws.**