

True Colors "Hiding From God"- Jim Burgen

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Bible References: *Psalm 139 Genesis 3:7-13 and Acts 17:27*

Community:

1. What was your favorite game to play as child?
2. What's the most embarrassing thing you've been caught doing or seen someone else doing?

Core:

1. Jim talked about how, in Psalm 139, David is both talking to himself and to God. Do you have conversations with yourself and with God? If so, how do they sound?
2. **Read Psalm 139:1.** Can you share a time when you felt especially close to God, or when he felt particularly far away?
3. Jim said the two most common ways we hide from God were (1) trying to convince ourselves that what God says is true is *not* true and (2) trying to ignore God and act as if he is not there. How do you usually try and hide from God?
4. Jim ended his message talking to three groups of people:
 - (1) People who hide from God because they couldn't bear the shame of coming out of the bushes, like Adam and Eve
 - (2) People who are wearing the consequences of someone else's actions or your own and feel alone
 - (3) People who are hiding because they are *rehearsing what they would do if they wouldn't get caught*.

In your own life, whether you fit into those groups or another, what would it look like to reach out to God and to *step out of the bushes*?

Challenge:

At least twice this week read **Psalm 139:23-24** – "*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!*"

Then, spend time in prayer asking God for two things: The courage to come out of bushes and to show you He is with you.

