

Questions that Shape Us: God Asks

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Reflection & Discussion

Questions have the ability to shape us in all sorts of ways

Some can get beneath the surface, revealing and opening us up.

- *In your opinion, what types of questions have the greatest ability to get underneath the surface?
- *Can you think of a time you have been shaped by something someone asked you? Why was it impactful?

God starts to ask questions from the beginning of Scripture

Read and discuss Psalm Genesis 3:6-10 (NIV)

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- *What do you notice in this passage about the questions God asks?
- *How do you imagine God sounded in asking? What perceptions do you have of why God would ask a question he already knew the answer to?

God's questions make us participants instead of spectators

"Where are you?" God is really after restored relationship.

- *How does this question invite participation from Adam?
- *Where might you be asked to step out of hiding?

God's questions invite us into a relationship where God's voice shapes us

"Who told you?" God untangles the stories we've begun to believe.

- *How does this question challenge what Adam believes and who he's been listening to?
- *Where might you need some untangling, particularly in your identity?

God's questions help us to tell the truth

"What have you done?" God begins to heal when we get honest.

- *What do you notice about when God finally asks about the sinful behavior? How does it help them be honest?
- *Is there a place God wants to help you heal?

God restores communion with us...one question at a time

The Holy Spirit still uses these, and other questions, to form and invite us today.

*Does it seem God has asked questions of you? How have these questions come about – sensing them, through Scripture, through someone else asking?

*What other questions from God in the Bible could you slow down and linger with?

*Does one of the 3 questions discussed today resonate in your spirit right now? Is there a different question you feel God asking?

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