

# “Life’s Biggest Questions”

## I. God Came to Earth as a Man to Answer Life’s Biggest Questions.

- A. Who am I? (identity)
- B. Where do I belong? (security)
- C. What am I supposed to do? (purpose/significance)
- D. How we answer these questions form the basis for how we live our lives.

## II. Why Are the Answers So Hard to Come By?

*When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.*

*Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”*

*He replied, “I heard You walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”*

*“Who told you that you were naked?” the LORD God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”*

*The man replied, “It was the woman You gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”*

*Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?”*

*“The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”* Genesis 3:8-13 (NLT)

- A. “Where are you?” was not an informational question but a diagnostic one.
  1. Adam’s answer is revealing.
  2. This was man’s first rejection of God’s offer of fellowship.
    - Fear
    - Naked
    - Hid
- B. God’s second question: “Who told you you were naked?”
  1. Adam’s response is chilling.
  2. Our response to honest questions: denial

C. God's third question is to the accused: "What have you done?"

1. Eve follows Adam's lead.
2. She indirectly blames God.

D. The fall irreparably damaged our relationships with:

1. God
2. Others
3. Ourselves

E. All of us are insecure.

F. God's response to sin.

*Then He said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."*  
Genesis 3:16-17 (NLT)

*And to the man He said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."* Genesis 3:18-19 (NLT)

*And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. Then the LORD God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and He sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.* Genesis 3:21-23 (NLT)

*In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.* Hebrews 9:22 (NLT)

### III. Three Barriers to Answering Life's Biggest Questions:

- A. Fear rooted in shame.
- B. Hiding rooted in insecurity.
- C. Blame rooted in denial.

### IV. How to Find the Real You

A. Recognize that all of us have blown it.

*All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own.* Isaiah 53:6a (NLT)

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.* Romans 3:23 (NLT)

B. Remember God's provision for sin.

*Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.* Isaiah 53:6b

*But now, once for all time, He has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by His own death as a sacrifice.* Hebrews 9:26 (NLT)

*Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.* Romans 3:24-25 (NLT)

*For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One Man the many will be made righteous.* Romans 5:19 (NIV)

C. Receive God's gift

*The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him. He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. **But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.** They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.* John 1:9-13 (NLT)

*Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.* 1 Corinthians 15:47-49 (NLT)