

# REDEMPTION, HOPE & HEALING



## questions for reflection

### **series:** "Redemption, Hope & Healing"

The Bible tells the stories of many broken, damaged and dented people. Some were murders, thieves and liars, while others were prostitutes, cowards and hypocrites. The Bible recounts the stories of people whom, despite their failures and faults, God still loved and used in order to tell his story of grace, mercy and forgiveness. This summer we are going to retell these stories and seek to understand how God can bring redemption, hope, and healing into our own lives.

### **part 1:**

"Adam & Eve: Hiding"

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Reread Genesis 3:

- What do you see?
- What do you notice?
- How do you know God loves you?
- How do you experience God's love for you?

Read Hebrews 12:4-11, which talks about love and discipline:

- Have you experienced God's discipline? How?
- Did it feel loving?
- Why or Why not?

In Christian belief God knows all and sees all, so hiding from him is functionally useless. For us, coming out of hiding is not so God can see us, but so we can be seen by God.

- Knowing this, why do people hide? Why do you?
- What fig leaves do people use in order to try to hide from God? Others? Themselves? What are your fig leaves?
- What benefit do people get by hiding from God? What benefit do you get?

What are some ways in which you can come out of hiding to God, others and yourself?