

T H E G O D W H O S E E K S

God Seeks the Runaway

*Group Discussion Guide
Week of January 14, 2024*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZENS BASICS

*Sunday, February 11 | 11am-11:45am
Dowd YMCA*

We offer Citizens Basics a few times a year for anyone who is new to our church. It is the first step into the life of our community.

Led by various pastors and staff, this class consists of 30 minutes of teaching and 15 minutes of Q&A, with the goal of giving an overview of our vision as a church and how you can be a part of that vision.

Lunch and childcare is provided, but please register in advance.

SUPER BOWL BREWERY HANGOUT

*Sunday, February 11 | 6:30pm
Vaulted Oak Brewing*

Join us for our 3rd Annual Super Bowl Brewery Hangout at Vaulted Oak Brewing. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available for purchase. You can bring your own food, order pizza from across the street, or enjoy the food truck. Bring a friend and come join us for the big game!

REVIEW THE MISSION

Take some time to review who various people are building relationships with and seeking to share the gospel with.

Pray for these individuals - that God would open their eyes to the good news of the gospel.

STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Exodus 1:11-2:10.

Although Pharaoh tries his best to attack God's people, God stops him. How does God's faithful protection of His people encourage your heart to trust Him more?

Read Exodus 2:11-15.

Although God's plan is to raise up Moses as the redeemer of Israel, how does Moses go about it in the wrong way? What does this teach us about how we should trust God and His timing, ways, and plans?

Read Acts 7:17-30.

In 24 hours, Moses goes from having everything he could want, to living on the run as a murderer in the wilderness. In the 40 years He's in Midian before God shows up in a burning bush, what do you think is going on in his heart or mind?

DISCUSS THE SERMON

In the sermon, Tim talked about a variety of ways we can run from God. These included:

- *Not putting our faith in Jesus for salvation.*
- *Not confessing the totality of our sin to God.*
- *Avoiding specific steps (small or large) of obedience He has called us to.*
- *Refusing to accept His love, thinking we have something to earn/prove.*
- *Thinking we are good and no longer need God anymore.*

How do you resonate with these various examples?

Is there a particular way(s) you run from God, either from this list or others?

PRACTICE

In the sermon, we gave a specific practice that can help us stop running, and instead surrender to the love of God. That practice was listening prayer.

Taking a few moments to be silent before God and to receive from Him what it is He wants to say or do. This may lead to confession, repentance, surrender, laughter, joy, or all of the above.

Take a few minutes, before closing group time, to sit in quiet listening prayer.

Ask the Lord to speak, showing us how we are running from Him, and asking Him to say whatever He would like to say to us from His Word.