

# T H E   G O D   W H O   S E E K S

## Seeking From the Beginning

*Group Discussion Guide  
Week of January 7, 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 Genesis 3:1-6.*

**What were some of the specific ways the serpent/the devil tries to get Eve to doubt God? What does this show us about how the devil works to tempt God's people?**

*Read Genesis 3:7.*

**What was the immediate result of Adam and Eve's sin?  
What does this teach us about the nature of sin and shame?**

*Read Genesis 3:8-13.*

**What do we see in this passage about the seeking heart of God? (verse 9)**

## DISCUSS THE SERMON

*In his book 'The Knowledge of the Holy', AW Tozer writes, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God."*

**What are some of the initial thoughts that come into your mind when you think about God? How might this be shaping your soul and your life?**

**What did the sermon teach or remind you about the heart of God?**

## APPLY THE TRUTH

*In the sermon, we gave two practices to open ourselves up to the seeking heart of God.*

- *Practice 1 - Remember the Gospel. Create a daily habit/discipline for rehearsing the good news of the gospel to yourself.*
- *Practice 2 - Listening prayer. Create space at the start or end of each day to sit in silence and receive His love for you in Christ Jesus.*

**How could you step into one of these practices this coming week?**