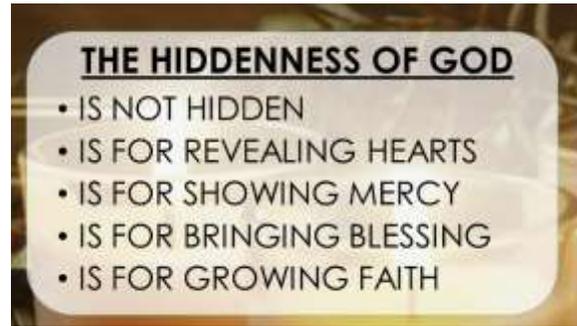
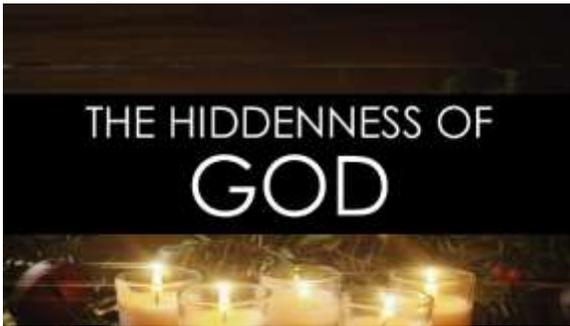


The Hiddenness of God

December 19, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

- Icebreaker question: If you could choose one thing for God to reveal to you, what would it be?
- The sermon focused on the reality that God is often hidden from us. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
- Read 2 Kings 6:13-23.
 - Why was Elisha's servant afraid?
 - What reality was hidden from him at first?
 - How did Elisha pray and what was the result?
 - There is a theme of blindness in this story. Why do you think that is?
 - How did Elisha treat his enemies?
 - In what areas do you need to have your eyes opened to God's presence and power? What should you do?
- Read Acts 9:1-9. This is the story of the conversion of Saul (later to be known as Paul the apostle).
 - Why do you think Jesus appeared to Saul with a bright light?
 - Why do you think the Lord arranged for Saul to be blind for three days? Do you think there might have been a message for him in this?
 - Now read Acts 9:10-20. What stands out to you in this part of the story?
 - Did Saul see anything while he was blind? (see v. 12). How is this significant?
 - What had he been busy doing? (see v. 11). What lesson might there be to us in this?
 - Paul later gave some more details about his experience on the road to Damascus. Read Acts 26:16-18. What was Jesus sending him to do? How did this mission relate to Paul's own conversion experience?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:4-7.
 - Who is the "god of this age"? (see Ephesians 2:1-2, Ephesians 6:12, and 1 John 5:19)
 - What has he done to the minds of unbelievers? Why?
 - What can be done to help open the eyes of the spiritually blind?
- Share prayer requests and pray together. Pray that for peace even when God seems hidden from us. Pray for spiritual eyes to be opened.