

4. Why do we “hide” from others? In what ways are we tempted to “hide?”

Read 1 John 1:5-10

5. 1 John 1 commands us to “walk in the light.” What do you think it means to walk in the light?
6. How would you describe the relationship between “righteousness” and “authenticity” (an open and honest life)? How can each cause promote the other?
7. Can you remember a time when you “confessed” something? What led you to confess? What was the result of your confession?
8. Of the five benefits of confession pastor Kory mentioned, which is most appealing to you? Can you think of other benefits?
9. Has there been a time in your life when you would regularly practice confession?
10. Do you currently have a group or person you confess to regularly? If not, who will you seek to practice this discipline? When will you do this?



Hide and Seek

Sermon Notes and Takehome

January 2nd, 2011

1 John 1:5-10

We always have the temptation to put on a _____.

- The Christian life is supposed to be _____ and _____.

“Adam and Eve were both _____, and they felt no _____.” (Genesis 2:25)

And God said, “Who told you that you were naked?” (Gen 3:11)

- When did being naked become a _____ thing?
- We’ve been _____ ever since.

We were created for _____.

- Both sin and righteousness can be defined _____.

_____ is natural, but destructive to our spiritual lives.

The solution is “_____” relationships.

- It’s presenting myself as I _____.

- To achieve this, I practice a discipline called _____.

John 1:5-10

God is "light."

- Light = both _____ and _____. (John 3:20-21)
- Darkness = _____ and _____.

1 John 1:9 is good news because it means we don't have to _____.

The benefits of living a life of confession:

1. It _____ my load.

2. It _____ other people's load.

3. Instead of _____ community, confession actually builds it up.

- It only happens in an environment of _____.

4. It allows me to work on my _____ problem.

5. It's the evidence that I believe _____.

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. In the message, pastor Kory said we were created for relationship. Do you agree? How is this indicated in everyday life?

Read Genesis 3:1-11.

2. Why do you think Adam and Eve hid after they ate the fruit?

3. Pastor Kory said God's question, "Who told you that you were naked?" actually means, "Why is being naked a bad thing?" Do you agree? Why is this such a significant question?