

## 1. Connect

**Question of the Day.** What has been the highlight of your summer?

## 2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

- The strategy of Satan is to put shame on you as soon as you sin. The strategy of sin is to keep you stuck and to put on shame and embarrassment. Satan wants you to hide. But in The Garden we see God ask the question of Adam and Eve, "where are you?" God gives Adam and Eve the opportunity to tell the truth about where they are. How would you answer that question today? Where are you today? In your life, in your marriage, in your singleness, finances etc...how would you answer the question, where are you?
- Pastor Albert mentioned that confession is an invitation, not a negotiation. He mentioned the woman at the well in John 4, who was negotiating with Jesus and not surrendering all to Jesus. In what ways are you negotiating with God, and keeping God out of certain spaces that God wants to be invited into? Where are the spaces, and relationships in your life, where if you're honest you have kept God shut out?
- Pastor Albert also mentioned that home is wherever God is, wherever you've invited God into. God by God's grace will come to wherever you are, no matter where that is. Confession helps you get closer to home. What might you need to let go of and release, in order to find yourself at home?

## 3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- What is one actual thing you can confess this week? God is safe. What do you need to bring to God that's been weighing you down.
- Who are some safe people in your life, who you can confess to?
- Are there any people in your life who you've been hiding from or lying to, that you might need to confess to this week?

#### **4. Prayer**

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

\* If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Greatest Story series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you

