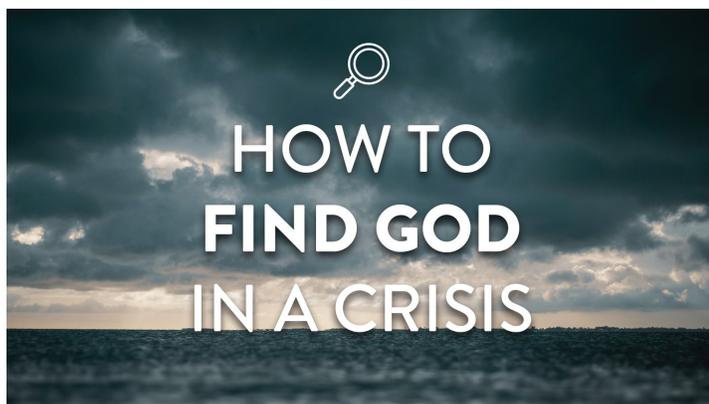


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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How to Find God in a Crisis

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Self-quarantine, Social Distancing, Shelter in Place... whatever place this is, one thing is for sure - this is certainly a new place. We haven't been here before. And even though we've really never been "here" before, and just about everything is different, there is one thing that remains the same: many, many people are asking one important question: "How do we find God in this crisis?"

SCRIPTURE TEXT: PSALM 34

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

One of our profound grounding points in life as followers of Christ is that there's a power greater than all of us at work in the world. We often say that "God is in control." It's a natural human instinct – when faced with crises and challenges to wonder what happened?

When we're hard pressed in on every side, perplexed, feeling struck down, we naturally wonder, "Where is God?" When we're overwhelmed with crisis, it's easy to assume God is AWOL. We ask, Where is God in this mess? We wonder, Why is God so hard to find? The assumption, of course, is that that God is somehow absent; that God has to be found. But if we assume that God is absent and has to be found, then we're faced with even more questions: Does God really play "hide-and-seek" with us? Does God have a schedule that gets filled up while we get squeezed out? Does God really get too busy for us? If we keep holding on to these assumptions, at some point we'll end up here: either God is with us or God is against us.

But as long as these questions have been mingled with our grief, this, too, has been true: God is always with us. **God doesn't have to be found; God is with us. God is for us.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stands out to you from this Psalm?
- Share a time when you've asked "Where is God"?
- This Psalm reminds us that God is always with us and always for us. How does that make you feel?
- In the midst of our current crisis, how have you found God? Where do you see him at work?

APPLICATION: This week, use Pastor Paul's discipline of making the sign of the cross: "God be in my head, God be in my heart, God be on my left, and God be on my right." **God is with you. God is for you.**