

The Seventh Collective

Where Were You? · Week 1 of 4

Where’s God? The Question We Don’t Want to Ask

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KEY VERSE

“Why do you stand far away, Lord? Why do you hide Yourself in times of trouble?
Psalm 10:1 (NASB 2020)

SETTING THE SCENE

Sometimes the hardest part of faith isn't believing that God exists. It's wondering where He is. Where is God when the prayer isn't answered? Where is God when someone leaves? Where is God when something you thought was stable suddenly isn't? Where is God when the world seems upside down? Where is God when you believe He should have intervened—and He didn't?

Psalm 10 doesn't begin with an explanation. It begins with an accusation: **"Why, LORD, do You stand far away?"** Today, we aren't going to rush past that question. We're going to sit with it.

THE BIG IDEA

Sometimes faith isn't having the answer to "Where's God?" It's having the courage to ask the question.

MY NOTES

Use this space however is most helpful — jot words, questions, anything that lands. What question have I been afraid to ask God? You don't have to answer it today.



THE FOUR P’S — YOUR RESPONSE GUIDE

P POINT

Write it in one sentence — in your own words.

What question does this passage force you to sit with?

P PERSON

Look for something about His character, heart, or action you might have missed.

What does David's honesty reveal about God's willingness to hear our questions?

P PRAYER

Write a one-line prayer response to what you've heard.

What is the most honest prayer you could pray to God right now – even if it isn't a comfortable one?

P PRACTICE

Be concrete. Not “be better” — what action, when, with whom?

What is one specific thing you will do differently this week?

GOING DEEPER — DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

 **HEAD**

Psalm 10 begins with the question, "Why, LORD, do You stand far away?" Why do you think Scripture gives us permission to ask God questions like this instead of immediately correcting the question?

 **HEART**

Where in your life does God currently feel distant? What makes that question difficult—or frightening—to say out loud?

 **HANDS**

When someone asks a hard question about God, faith, church, or suffering this week, what would it look like to listen before you answer? Who is one person whose question you need to hear instead of trying to fix?

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