

## **The Genesis of Good News**

### **God our Covering**

### **Group Leader Guide**

#### **RECAP**

Pastor Keith shares a heartfelt tribute to his grandmother, emphasizing the importance of being with God over merely trying to emulate Him, and how true freedom and greatness come from dependency on God.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

What cherished family tradition or memory reminds you of the importance of being 'with' rather than just 'like' someone? How does this relate to the relationship Pastor Keith describes between us and God?

#### **LIVING OUT THE TRUTH**

1. What are some memorable traditions or recipes from your family gatherings that hold special meaning for you? How do they connect you to your loved ones?
2. In the script, Pastor Keith emphasizes the difference between trying to be like God and being with God. How do you understand this distinction, and how does it play out in your own spiritual journey?
3. Reflecting on Genesis 3, how do you interpret the significance of Adam and Eve being clothed by God after their disobedience? What does this act of covering symbolize for us today?
4. Pastor Keith talks about the concept of needing God like children need their parents. Can you share an experience where you felt a deep dependence on God? How did that impact your faith?
5. The sermon mentions that true freedom comes from being with God and not having to build our own kingdoms. What are some ways you've sought to build your own kingdom, and how has that affected your relationship with God?
6. Discuss the idea that real greatness in the kingdom of heaven is tied to humility and becoming like children. How can we cultivate this childlike faith in our daily lives?
7. Pastor Keith speaks about the covering that Jesus provides through His sacrifice. How does understanding this concept change the way you view your past sins and current struggles?

**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the powerful truths we've learned today. Lord, we acknowledge that we need You deeply, like children needing their parents. We lay down our fears, our brokenness, and our attempts to cover up our inadequacies. We invite Your Holy Spirit to walk with us daily, reminding us of Your covering and Your love. Help us to live life fully with You, to be transformed into Your image, and to rely on You as our source. As we leave this place, may we hold fast to the assurance of Your faithfulness and live boldly in the freedom You've given us through Jesus. We love You and magnify Your holy name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.