

2025-03-09 - The Secret Life You Can't Hide From God

Summary

The sermon focuses on the Free Methodist Church's stance against secret societies and expands into a broader discussion about secrecy in Christian life. Pastor Thomas explains that while the historical context was about Masonic lodges infiltrating church leadership, the principle applies to how we handle secrets in our lives today. The main message emphasizes that God is omniscient (all-knowing) and that while we often try to hide our sins and broadcast our achievements, Scripture teaches us to do the opposite - confess our sins openly while keeping our good works private.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss the impact of secrets in our lives, we ask that You would open our hearts to Your truth. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with You about the things we try to hide. Guide our conversation and help us learn how to live more authentically as Your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What was your favorite hiding spot as a child when playing hide and seek?

Key Verses

Luke 8:17

Ephesians 5:8-13

Matthew 6:1-6

Psalms 139:1-12

Questions

1. Why do you think we tend to hide our struggles while showcasing our achievements?
2. How does knowing that God is omniscient (all-knowing) affect how you live your daily life?
3. What are some healthy ways we can practice confession within the church community?
4. How can we balance being transparent about our struggles while maintaining appropriate boundaries?
5. What's the difference between keeping something private and keeping it secret?
6. How does social media impact our tendency to hide or reveal certain aspects of our lives?
7. What are some practical ways we can practice humility with our achievements?
8. How can we create a safe environment where people feel comfortable being honest about their struggles?

Life Application

This week, practice intentional transparency with God and a trusted Christian friend. Choose one struggle or challenge you've been keeping to yourself and share it with them, asking for prayer and support. Additionally, when you do something praise-worthy, practice keeping it between you and God.

Key Takeaways

- God is omniscient and nothing can be hidden from Him
- We should confess our sins openly while keeping our good works private
- True freedom comes through transparency with God and trusted believers
- The blood of Jesus covers our sins when we bring them into the light

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your grace that covers all our sins when we bring them into the light. Help us to live transparently before You and others, finding freedom in confession and humility in our achievements. Give us the courage to be honest about our struggles and the wisdom to know how to share appropriately. In Your name we pray, Amen.