

Lesson 6

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1. Obvious and Overpowering
 - a. How does God show up in our lives?

2. **Singing on Skid Row**
 - a. What are some of the images in this story that bother us?
 - b. Discuss some of the images that seem to be uplifting.
 - c. Were there images that surprised us or we might not have considered?
 - d. Why do you think the homeless would not come to church; but would come for Karaoke?
 - i. How did the event sponsors respond to those who showed up?
 - ii. *“an opportunity to meet them, get our hands on them, and connect with them. The ultimate goal of building relationships is restoration.”*
 - e. What did karaoke night do for those who participated? Pg. 78
 - f. Discuss a time when you have gone into an event or project with one set of expectations and come away surprised at the “*visible manifestation of God’s presence.*”

3. **Hidden God**
 - a. We may often feel like God is hidden from us especially when we most want his presence to be felt. After reading this section how might *God revealing his presence to us* be happening?

4. **Divine Disguises, Perfect Strangers, Secret Identities** pgs. 81-88
 - a. Are we tuned into God’s language?
 - i. What do we expect to hear when we listen?
 - ii. How is our feeling of God’s silence related to this discussion?
 - b. How easy is it to recognize God in strangers?
 - i. How sharp is our awareness?
 - ii. Do we actively look for God’s presence in strangers?
 1. How would looking for God in strangers change us and the ones we meet?
 - c. Why did Jesus not need to reveal his identity? Pgs.85-87
 - i. Why is it so important that we reveal ours?
 - d. Our true identities are “hidden with Christ in God” **explain...**

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Reflection:

5. The Big Reveal ~ *Our Undercover Boss*

- a. In the mission field of the church (*our job, His company*) how do we treat the other employees, the new employee? Would we act differently if we knew the new employee or the customer was God? Why?
- b. What if we whispered to each other when we met someone, “*Be nice that person might be God?*” / “*Be nice that person has God in them.*”

Close with Prayer.