

## Where's Wally?

- Concept of where's Wally game - 3 images, progressively zooming in... finding someone hiding in plain sight...
- Play the "hidden objects" (girl with dog) sheet, passed out to everyone
- Brief link to "where's Jesus?" in life - we know he's there, but sometimes his presence and work can be hard to spot
  - maybe we feel he's not around...
  - always present, but sometimes we have to look carefully to see what he is doing and where he is present...

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## Introduction

- Standing far off - feels that way - not just us!
  - as if God is far off...
  - or later, as if God has forgotten the helpless (v.12)
- What are our "far off" places? [When God feels distant?](#)
  - David's here is to do with wrong-doers getting away with it... (vs.2-11)
  - (Psalms 9 & 10 probably originally a single psalm - its broadly a single acrostic poem - and Psalm 9 is headed "of David")
  - but we'll deal today with the bit that comes to us as Psalm 10...

## Getting away with murder (vs.2-11)

- Explore the prospering of evil
  - people who repeatedly treat people badly, who don't seem to suffer the consequences of their actions...
- David is raging! He's frustrated, upset, angry that this is happening...
- Don't we see that all around us - perhaps in our work place, or even family life, where people treat us badly and seem to get away with it?

## Crying out (vs.12-15)

- Content that God is distant? Not sorting things? "I give up!"
  - passionate, persistent prayer; remonstrating with God that what is is not what should be...
- Is this what our prayer life is like?
  - do we take the risk of telling God what we think he should be doing?

## Resting on...

- What does the appeal of vs.12-15 rest upon?
- Upon who God is:
  - king
  - listens
  - just
- And upon our remembering, or reminding ourselves, who he is:
  - what things will remind us?
  - reading Scripture... praying... choosing to obey his commands, and follow his prompts...