

His Desire to Dwell With Us

Session 5

The Big Idea: God reveals that He wants to dwell with us in our lower story life. He wants to move from “up there” to be with us. But in order to do so He gives us laws and commandments to show how He wants us to act. This is to protect us and to show us His love and not to take away our fun and our freedoms.

Memory Verse: I am the Lord Your God. You will have no other gods before me.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you were a child How did you picture or imagine God? How has that changed through the years?
2. God no longer dwells in tents or in temples; He live is us (Acts 7:48-50). How does recognizing that God dwells in us help connect His Upper Story to our Lower Story on a daily basis?
3. **“Mad Cow Disease”** as Pastor Dale called it, was an example of people trying to invent their own religion, to create their own way to God. How do people still do this today and how are the results just as disastrous?
4. God promised that His presence would be with the people and that they would stand out in the world because of it. This is still true today. How are you practicing the presence of God in your own life. Name an area of your life in which God is calling you to look different to the world because He is with you.

Personal Reflection:

How are you doing when it comes to knowing the presence of God?

Do you see God in your life when it comes to the three things God set in place so His Story can connect more with your Story.

Are you seeking to do your part to ensure your relationship with God is as close as possible?

Personal Action:

Read Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:17-48) as His helpful and life-giving information about the Ten Commandments.