

SUPERNATURALLY NATURAL PT. 1
HOSTING THE PRESENCE OF GOD
HFTW Life Group Lesson and M.A.P (Ministry Application Plan)

MEMORY VERSE

My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14)

Exodus 33:7-23

ICE BREAKER

Describe an event where you hosted special guests that you wanted to treat like a V.I.P. What were some of the ways you thought and prepared for that? Do you have any stories of how it may not have gone as planned?

MAIN POINTS

Big Idea: Stop coasting and start _____ the presence of God in your life.

Being a supernaturally natural person is being someone who doesn't just occasionally come into God's presence in prayer or worship but consciously host's God's presence.

- A. People, who God uses in great ways aren't superstars; they are ordinary people who choose to be connected to the presence of God in an _____ way.**

Observations from the story of Moses:

1. He wouldn't accept any _____ for the presence.
2. He prepared a place for God's presence.
3. He prioritized _____ as a way to empower His awareness of God's presence.
4. He believed and totally depended on the presence of God to be the _____ point of His life. He wasn't satisfied with mere religion.

Things He knew the presence of God would do for him and the people:

- Protect
- Provide light, life, healing
- Allow him to be close to God, know His love and hear His voice
- Deliverance, freedom, and breakthroughs, changing the atmosphere wherever they went
- Show His glory to the world

“And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the river goes will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there. For they will be healed and everything will live wherever the river goes.”
(Ezekiel 47:9)

B. Keys to hosting the presence of God

1. Be _____ for God's presence. Ask Him continually to "show you His glory." You have as much of God's presence as you really want.

2. Be _____ and honest before God.

"I dwell in the high and holy place with him who has a contrite and humble spirit. To revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."
(Isaiah 57:15)

3. _____ His presence as one hosting the most important person in the world.

4. Seek to _____, understand His will, and make room for Him to teach you and do what He wants to do in your life.

5. Be expectantly _____ and certain of the promise of His presence with you through faith.

"... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge." (Eph. 3:17-18)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can you remember the first or a very profound time where you knew you were experiencing the manifest presence of God? What happened?
2. How do you think it would make a difference, if your thinking changed from just thinking of yourself as someone who sometimes goes into God's presence to pray, vs being someone who hosts the presence of God continually? How might that change the atmosphere of your home or where you work and play?
3. Which of the keys for hosting the presence of God do you want to especially focus on this week? (Being hungry for his presence, humility, honesty, honoring, hearing, expectantly hopeful)
4. Where would you like to specifically pray for a manifestation of God's presence in your life this week?

(Answers: hosting A. extraordinary, substitute, worship, distinguishing B. hungry, humble, Honor, hear, hopeful)