

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Where We Met Week 1: God Among Us Exodus 25:8-9

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We cherish the memories of where our most important relationships began. In ancient times, people first encountered God in a sacred tent called the Tabernacle. As we unveil the history of this fascinating structure, we will discover how to deepen our connection to God.

Kicking It Off: Did you grow up going camping very often as a kid? If you were to go camping later this year, what's one "little luxury" that you cannot do without?

Discussion:

1. How would you describe some of the more interesting characteristics about The Tabernacle, based on what you heard from this week's message?
2. Read Exodus 25:8-9. Why is this "dwelling" concept so significant? How did the message help you better understand that although God is invisible, He's also quite present?

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you." (NIV)

3. Read John 1:14 and Revelation 21:3. What profound truths did God communicate about Jesus and Heaven, based on these verses?

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (NIV)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.'" (NIV)

4. As you think about the **5 Practical Benefits of God's Presence**, which one inspires you the most? Which one challenges you to deepen your personal relationship with God?
 - COMMUNICATION. (hearing from God)
 - GLORY. (seeing God's beauty)
 - GUIDANCE. (God will guide us)
 - LOVE. (we're reminded of His love)
 - PROTECTION. (God goes before and behind us)

Wrapping Up:

What would your life look like if you could fully trust that God will never leave His people? On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you feel like you experience and enjoy God's presence on a fairly consistent basis? How can our group encourage you and be in prayer for you to grow in this regard?