

more presence

Sermon Study Questions • Week of December 5, 2010

“more presence” • pastor bob botsford

Main Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

Referenced Scripture: Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 8:9, John 14:26, John 16:13-14, Proverbs 15:22, Psalm 46:10, Jeremiah 29:12, Exodus 33:14-5

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. Compare and contrast the world’s view of a “body with a soul” with the Christian view of a “soul with a body”.

DIG DEEPER:

1. We can clearly see God’s holy presence in our lives in a number of ways, the first being *Through His Word*. In your own words describe what **Hebrews 4:12** and **2 Timothy 3:16-17** say about God’s Word. Describe how you have seen God’s holy presence through His Word in your own life.
2. God’s holy presence can also be seen *Through His Holy Spirit* (see God’s promise to Moses in **Exodus 3:12**, “*I will certainly be with you.*”) God also makes this promise to us (see **Romans 8:9**, **John 14:26**, **John 16:13-14**). In what ways have you found the everyday Christian life to be prompted by His presence through His Holy Spirit?
3. We can see God’s holy presence *Through Holy Events and Circumstances*. We find this to be true in the life of Moses in **Exodus 3:1-15**. God uses all sorts of events and circumstances to get a hold of our lives, oftentimes including inconvenience, discomfort, or failure. In what way have you seen the presence of God through these times of great challenge?
4. God’s holy presence is also seen *Through His People* (**Proverbs 15:22**). How have you found this to be true in your own life? In what way are you hindered from hearing the Lord speak through others?
5. Lastly, it is *Through Being Still* that God’s holy presence can be seen (**Psalm 46:10**). How do the cares of the world hinder us from “being still”? In what way has “being still”, or waiting on God, challenged you?
6. The purpose of God’s holy presence is for us to know Him, trust him, and obey Him. Which of these challenges you the most? How so?

REFLECT:

1. For Moses the holy presence of God was a life changer. How has the holy presence of God been a life changer in your own life?
2. In what way has the holy presence of God come alive in your life particularly in the areas of giving and serving?

MEMORY VERSE:

Exodus 33:14

‘*And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”*’