

“A Place for His Presence”
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority
to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is to create an atmosphere that will
foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

***The many things over the years have been a result of the One
Thing—His Presence; if you get the One Thing right, God will
take care of the many things.***

[1 Chronicles 13:3]

“It is time to bring back the Ark of our God, for we neglected it during the reign of Saul.” Then all the assembly agreed to do so...

[Acts 13:22]

So, God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’

[Romans 13:14, AMP]

Put on ***(clothe yourself)*** with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision ***(place and plan)*** for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Live your life making a place for the Presence of God. We do not live in a vacuum, so fill that place in your life with the things of God. Eliminate all spaces and places that do not put Jesus Christ on the throne as the Lord or all.

[Ephesians 4:26-27]

And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for **anger gives a foothold** to the devil.

Foothold = <i>topos</i> / real-estate, an inhabited space
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Where His presence abides, His favor rests. The space that you create for Him will be a dwelling place.

[Acts 7:46]

David... who enjoyed **God’s favor** and asked that he might provide **a dwelling place** for the God of Jacob.

[Exodus 20:24]

“Build for me an altar...**every place** where I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you”

[Exodus 15:2]

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will **prepare him a habitation; (a dwelling place)**

[Deuteronomy 12:5]

But you are to **seek the place** the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. **To that place you must go;**

[Acts 7:48]

“However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20]

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, **who lives in you** and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body.

[Ephesians 2:22]

And in him you too are being built together to become **a dwelling in which God lives** by his Spirit.

Five Reasons to Have the Presence of God a Priority in Your Life

- 1. Peace that passes understanding is found in His presence
(*Philippians 4:7, Isaiah 26:3*)**
- 2. Joy is found In His presence (*Psalms 16:11*)**
- 3. Clarity and understanding are found in His presence
(*Psalm 73:17, Psalms 37:7*)**
- 4. Freedom is found in His presence
(*Galatians 5:16, 2 Corinthians 3:18*)**
- 5. Purpose and true identity are found in His presence
(*Isaiah 6:8-9, Psalm 37:4, 1 John 3:2*)**

[Psalm 27:4, AMP]

**One thing I have asked of the LORD, and that I will seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD [in His presence] all**

the days of my life,

To gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.

[Psalm 73:23-26, 28]

I still belong to you;

you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,

leading me to a glorious destiny.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

I desire you more than anything on earth.

My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,

but God remains the strength of my heart;

he is mine forever.

How good it is to be near God!

I have made the Sovereign LORD my shelter,

and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Pray and ask God for His presence to dwell in your life.
[Psalm 27:4] [Acts 7:46]
2. Displace any things that are taking the place of God in your heart with worship, prayer, and time with Him.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Why is making a place for God's presence the main thing? How have you seen the priority of this in the Bible? How have you experienced this New Testament reality even impact your own life? Are you living as a "One Thing" person today?
2. In Scripture, why is the ark of the covenant so significant? [1 Chronicles 13:3] Where is the presence of God carried today, and how do we make our lives a platform for it?
3. What kind of atmosphere does God inhabit?

4. Why do we need to be careful about what we make a place for? [Romans 13:14] [Ephesians 4:26-27] How does the “principle of displacement” relate to this?
5. Why is the gathering of believers such a key component to making the Church a dwelling place for God? What does it take for our community to be a “One Thing” church?
6. When have you experienced this or a shift in atmosphere because of worship? Was this short-term or did it last?
7. Considering the five reasons to make His Presence a priority, which one would you say you could use as an upgrade in your life, family, friendships, workplace, school, etc?
8. When did you first begin to understand His purpose for your life? How has that developed since that awareness?
9. What does that place look like where you can seek the Lord’s face without distraction or hindrance?
10. “There’s a version of you that you haven’t seen yet.” How is this developed in His presence?