Series: Show me your ways

Sermon: The God who delights in you

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:17

Speaker: Pastor Johnny Benz

Discussion Questions:

1. What were some things that stood out to you from this past week's sermon?

2. Dig Deeper:

- a. Have you ever felt like God doesn't enjoy being with you? If so, why do you think you felt this way?
- b. How often would you say that you experience God's presence? When do you typically feel God's presence?
- c. What would you say has been your greatest enemy? How is God a warrior that can save you from your enemy today?
- d. How does the image of God as your groom affect the way you relate to Him?
- e. Have you ever felt like something you have done has led God to love you less/more?
- f. What are some ways that you need to be "quieted" right now?
- g. *Share:* Have you ever experienced anxiety from an unstable relationship? Conversely, have you ever felt at ease in a secure relationship?
- h. According to the sermon, how can the stability of your relationship with God "quiet" you?

3. Applications:

- a. Instead of simply focusing on the disciplines of prayer and Bible reading, try this week to simply spend some focused time being with God and enjoying His presence. Feel free to pray or to read your Bible but remember that the focus is to be on "being" with God, not "doing" for God.
- b. Come up with a list of the parts of your life where you could use God as a warrior. Pray for Him to save you in those areas.
- c. Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal the sources of anxiety or worry in your life. Meditate on God's unchanging love for you in those things.
- d. Spend time praising God through song this week.

4. For further study:

- a. Read Zephaniah. Specifically look for the day of the Lord and what that would mean for Israel.
- b. Pick a word or two from Zephaniah 3:17 and find a concordance to do a word study.