

Mosaic

Week 5: God Moved in

Objective: To encourage us to remember and trust that God loves us and is always near and always working for us.

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever gone through something difficult when someone couldn't fix the problem—but simply having them there made a difference?
What made their presence meaningful?

1. “I Will Dwell Among Them”

Read **Exodus 25:8–9**.

God had rescued Israel from Egypt. Then He told them to build a portable sanctuary so He could “**dwell among them.**”

- What does this tell us about what God wanted from His relationship with Israel?
- Why is it significant that God came to them rather than simply requiring them to come to Him?

2. A Little Piece of Eden

In Eden, humanity lived in God's presence. Sin brought separation. The tabernacle became a place where God's presence could once again dwell among His people. Pasted text

- How does the tabernacle begin to restore something that was lost in Eden?
- What does this tell us about God's desire to restore our relationship with Him?

3. God Goes With Us

Read **Exodus 40:34–38**.

The tabernacle was portable on purpose. God came to Israel—and then **went with them**.

- What difference would God's presence have made as Israel faced an uncertain journey?
- How might knowing God is with us change the way we face uncertainty?

4. Presence That Shapes Us

In the wilderness, God **led, protected, provided for, and corrected** His people. His presence wasn't passive. He was shaping them. Pasted text

- Which of those four expressions of God's presence stands out to you right now?
- Why is God's correction also an expression of His love and presence?

5. “The Word Became Flesh”

Read **John 1:14**.

The God who once dwelled among Israel in the tabernacle came even nearer in Jesus: “**The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.**”

- How does the tabernacle help you better understand what John is saying about Jesus?
- What does Jesus reveal about how far God is willing to come toward us?

6. God Comes Near to Restore

Jesus didn't simply come to experience life with us. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He came to restore what sin had fractured. Pasted text

- Why is it important that God doesn't simply observe our brokenness from a distance?
- How does Jesus change the way you picture God's response to your brokenness?

7. “I Will Not Leave You as Orphans”

Read **John 14:16–18**.

Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them. God's presence remains real even when our circumstances don't change.

- Why can God's presence be difficult to recognize when life hurts?
- What helps you trust that God is near even when you don't feel His presence?



8. God With Us

Read **Revelation 21:3–5**.

The biblical story ends where it began: God's dwelling place is with His people, and He makes everything new.

- What hope does this picture give you about where God's story is headed?
- Where in your life do you most need to remember right now that God has come near?

FINAL THOUGHT

From beginning to end, God's desire has been to **be with His people**.

In the tabernacle, God came to Israel.

In Jesus, God became one of us.

Through the Spirit, His presence is with us now.

And one day, God will dwell with His people in a world made new.

GOD DOESN'T LOVE US FROM A DISTANCE—HE COMES NEAR.

THIS WEEK — TRUST HIS PRESENCE

- **NAME IT.** Where does God feel distant right now?
- **BRING IT.** Tell Him honestly what hurts, what you fear, and what you need.
- **REMEMBER.** Look back at places where you've recognized God's faithfulness.
- **TRUST.** Even when you cannot feel or see what He's doing, choose to trust that He is with you.

