GOD WITH US Week 2: On the Move

Objective: To encourage us to lean into God's presence in our lives.

Read together:

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

The Presence of God

Read Exodus 25:8-9.

What does this passage reveal about God's heart for His people?

Why is it significant that God didn't just want to rule over them—but to **dwell among them**?

From the Garden to the Tabernacle

How does the tabernacle continue God's plan that began in the Garden of Eden? In what ways do you see God continually taking the initiative to restore relationship with humanity?

Holy Ground

Read Exodus 40:34-35.

What happened when God's presence filled the tabernacle?

How does this story show that **God's presence makes us holy**—not our performance or perfection?

Holiness Redefined

Pastor Steve said, "Holiness isn't first about what you do—it's about who you belong to."

How does that change the way you think about holiness?

What might it look like to live as someone "set apart" by God's presence this week?

A God on the Move

Many ancient people believed their gods were tied to certain places—but Israel's God traveled with them.

What does this teach you about the nature of God compared to other gods of the ancient world? Where might you be tempted to confine God to a place (like a church, worship event, or season of life)?

Guided by His Presence

Read Exodus 40:36.

How did God guide His people in the wilderness?

How does God guide you today? (Think of ways His presence, Word, or Spirit have led you recently.)

Never Alone

Read Joshua 1:5.

Why is God's promise—*"I will never leave you or forsake you"*—so powerful for you personally? When have you felt that truth most clearly in your life?

Final Thoughts: God's desire is to be with you, no matter where you are. Start to live like you are always in his presence.

This Week: This week's challenge was to "look for the presence of God in your life." What are some practical ways you can become more aware of God's presence throughout your day?

How could this awareness change the way you respond to challenges or decisions?