GOD WITH US Week 4:In the Flesh

Objective: To encourage us to embrace life with Jesus and live like him.

Read: John 1:14, Matthew 27:50–51, and 2 Corinthians 6:19–20

- What does it mean that "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling (tabernacled) among us"?
 - How does understanding that word "tabernacled" deepen your sense of God's desire to be with us?
- Why was the tearing of the temple curtain such a powerful symbol at Jesus' death (Matthew 27:50–51)?
 - What does it say about God's heart toward His people?
- The sermon said: "The real tragedy of sin isn't punishment but distance."
 - How have you personally experienced that kind of distance and what has helped restore closeness to God?
- If God's presence now lives in you through His Spirit, what does that mean for your everyday life?
 - Follow-Up: Where is it hardest for you to remember that God's presence is with you?
- How do people today sometimes fall into the same trap as Israel focusing more on a place of worship than on the Person of worship?
 - How can we guard our hearts from that?
- Jesus didn't just come to show us how to live He came to empower us to live.
 - In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit empower you (or someone you know) to live differently?

Final Thoughts: What would it look like this week to "live as the temple" — carrying God's presence into your home, work, or relationships?

This Week: Be specific. Who needs to experience God's presence through you this week?

