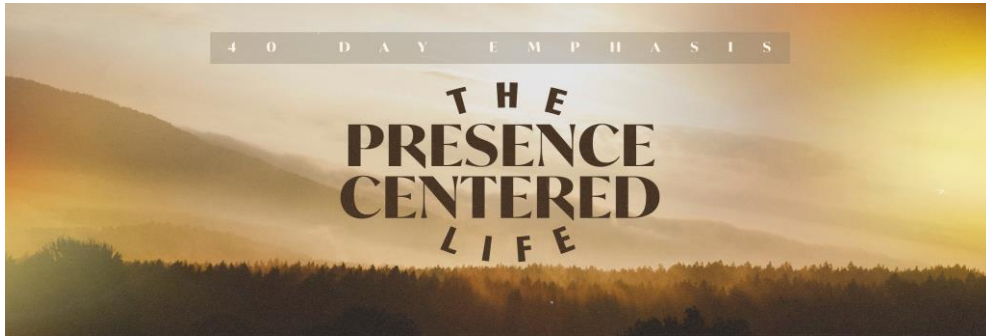


FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday, October 29th, 2023



Part 3: “Who Can Live in God’s Presence?” Joshua 3:5; Psalm 15

Review:

Series Theme: Everything Flows from the Presence of the Lord

Spiritual Principle: The highest honor for every follower of Christ is possessing and experiencing God’s essential presence.

Spiritual Principle: Every believer determines the degree to which they experience God’s essential presence. Each of us are as close to God as we choose to be at any given moment.

Spiritual Principle: The Presence Centered life is the prepared, intentional, and _____ life.

Consecration: To set one’s self apart _____ anything that would negatively impact the presence of God in one’s life as well as one’s fellowship with God – any sinful action, habits, relationships, thoughts, etc. and ____ intentionally living holy as God is holy.

The Consecrated Life (one which invites Gods’ welcome into His presence):

1. Is characterized by _____, _____, and _____ living to what God says is truth – Psalm 15:2; Prov. 28:18; Psalm 84:11
2. Is characterized by a _____ evidenced by a refusal to slander them, harm them, or discredit them – Psalm 15:3



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3. Is characterized by a refusal to _____ of willful, flagrant sinners, a holy _____ for people who fear God, holding themselves _____ to being truthful and honorable in all things, and not being _____ Psalm 15:4

4. Is characterized by not being _____ and not being able to be _____ – Psalm 15:5a; Matt. 22:37-38

God's Promise to the Consecrated Life: His presence to _____, _____ and _____ you - Psalm 15:5b

Growth Group Study Guide – October 29th – November 5th

Getting Started

Group Discussion: What preparations do you make for your family holiday celebrations? When do you begin making them? Why do you make them?

Begin in Prayer.

Welcome to week #4 of our Presence Centered Life 40 Days Emphasis. Be sure to read Days 22-28 this week in our devotional book, *The Essential Presence – 40 Days to Increased Intimacy with God*.

Digging Deeper

1. Review the "Spiritual Principle" on the front page of the notes for Sunday's message along with the definition for consecration. Just like everyone makes preparations for the holidays because people will be coming to their homes or they will be going to someone's home, so preparation must be made for being in God's presence. This preparation is called "consecration". Read 2 Corinthians 6:16-18. What "consecration principles" are found in these verses? _____

Read Romans 12:1-2. What consecration principles do you see in these verses? _____

Read 1 Peter 2:9. What does this verse say about who we are as followers of Christ and how does this relate to consecration? _____

2. Read Psalm 15:2 and discuss the relationship between the 3 consecration characteristics found in this verse and give an example of one way we can live this out in our daily lives (these are also on the front page of the notes) _____

3. Read Psalm 15:3 and discuss how our Christian walk is not just vertical it is also horizontal. What does this mean? _____

4. Read Psalm 15:4-5a and discuss which of these consecration qualities is more difficult for you to practice and why. _____

5. Read Psalm 15:5b and discuss the promise God makes to people who practice the kind of spiritual consecration that pleases Him (see the statement on the front page). Why would God make this promise? _____

6. How would you answer this question: Who can live in God's presence? _____

Wrapping Up

In his morning message, Pastor Rob challenged each of us to make consecration a practice in our lives by spending time with God each day and especially on Sunday mornings before we come to worship the Lord together in His presence. How do you think everyone's experience with the Lord and His people on Sundays would be if all of us would put this into practice every Sunday?

Close in Prayer

Let's pray together asking God to help us live consecrated lives for His glory.