

Week of 04-02-2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 3, Pt. 5
Sermon: God With Us
Text: Exodus 24-40

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: God saves His people so that they can be with Him.

In the presence of God...

1. The people of God obey His Word. (40:1-16; 18-33)
2. The people of God are consecrated for His service. (40:9-15)
3. The people of God are given a new beginning. (40:17)
4. The people of God are led by His Spirit. (40:34-38)

Discussion Questions:

1. On Sunday, Chip mentioned that he had listened to a podcast where a question was posed to the hosts: *"If you could guarantee that there either was or was not an afterlife, which would you choose?"*

- How would you answer that question?

One of the hosts said, *"Oh, definitely not. I definitely don't want that, because if there's something else then this life doesn't matter as much."*

- What do you think might be his reasoning behind that statement?
- What are ways in which eternity does give meaning to our lives now?

2. God is serious about being in relationship with His people. We see this in the Garden of Eden, in the Tabernacle, in the Temple, in the coming of Jesus, in the priesthood of believers, and in the book of Revelation. In each of these, God has always been providing (1) a holy place, where (2) He dwells with His people, (3) according to His covenant, (4) as a demonstration of His grace.

- Does "an ongoing relationship with God" best describe your faith? Explain.

3. Read Exodus 40:1, 16.

- How is obedience to God, or a lack thereof, an indication of whether or not you have a relationship with Him?

4. Read Exodus 40:9-15 and 1 Peter 2:9.

- Reflecting on these verses, what has God called the church and all its members to do?
- What do you believe He has specifically called you to do?

5. Read Exodus 40:17 & John 3:3. The tabernacle was built exactly one year to the day from the Passover. Israel had, quite literally, been given a new beginning. God saving His people from bondage in Egypt and making a way for them to dwell in His presence was such a radical change that it warranted a reset of time itself.

- If applicable, share about the moment your life had a reset and you were born again?

6. Read Exodus 40:34-38. If you are a Christian, God has given you the Holy Spirit to live in you and lead you. How have you experienced God guiding you along your spiritual journey with Him?