



The Presence of God

4 x 7: Four Pastors, Seven Minutes Each
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Opening Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness and Your goodness. Thank You for Your grace in our lives. We lift these prayers up to You. The light is in Your church and You have put the light in Your people. So, we pray that Your light shines brightly and that we become encouragers and not critics. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Icebreaker:

With Issues happening around the country right now, Satan is trying to make people choose sides. No matter what you think or believe politically, God wants us to be as one. He wants us to love on and pray for people.

- How can you use the presence of God to keep a Godly perspective?
- Share one at a time in groups of 3 or 4.

Encouragement:

- Pastor Micah shared about the Last Supper and how Jesus had a discussion with the Disciples saying that he was leaving. But, He said that He had good news, in that He was sending the Holy Spirit with gifts. (John 14:15-17)
 - Evidence of Living in the Presence of God
 - 1. Righteousness, Peace and Joy
 - Without Jesus' righteousness we are lost. (Romans 14:7)
 - The Greek equivalent to peace or Shalom in Hebrew, is "Eirene", pronounced "Ey-Ray-Nay".
 - Joy, full of God's glory. The joy of the Lord is our strength.
 - 2. Victorious Life - (1 John 4:4) "He, Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."
 - 3. Resurrection Power - (Romans 8:11) God not only wants to bless you, but the Holy Spirit wants to bring Resurrection Power to the dead parts of your life and to others around you.
- Pastor Jason shared that without the presence of God, we have no hope and we are lost.
 - At 6 years Old, while in the Hospital, his grandfather was visiting him. He watched as the young nurse attempted many times to find a vein to set up the IV, but he could not find one. In pain, he turned to his grandfather and said with

a tear in his eye, "Grandpa, it hurts." His grandfather upset, then told the nurse if he tries one more time, he will take the needle and stick it in his neck. He acted on his grandson's behalf out of love.

- When we have problems, we can speak and declare the name of JESUS to overcome them. (Acts 4:12) There is power in the name of Jesus. (Philippians 2:9-11)
- Jason shared that when people tell him their problems, he says that he doesn't need to know our problems because he knows who His God is.

- Pastor Greg shared that when you're in the face of God, you're in the presence of God. Acknowledge this acronym to anchor your spirit and heart: F-A-C-E.
 - F - Faithfully - Jesus was faithful to God. In faith, know that Satan is your foe. But, he does not have dominion over you. Jesus never reacted to Satan, only to the Father. (Hosea 2:20)
 - A - Acknowledge God. He will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:6)
 - C - Christ - He came up with the answer before Satan came up with the problem. (Genesis 1)
 - E - Everyday acknowledge Christ for what He does in you and others. Moses was in the face of Christ.

- Pastor Travis shared the impact of the presence of God in that he will never forget his wedding day. He recalled that as the sun shined through the entryway when his bride walked the aisle, everyone stood up in reverence to her and then looked at him to see his face full of joy as he was impacted by her presence. (Acts 4:5)
 - 1. The impact of His presence affects the impact of His people.
 - 2. The impact of His presence affects the impact of His power.
 - 3. The impact of His presence impacts the purpose for your life
 - Peter, James and John were searching for 3 years before God had them trust in Him to change from being fisherman to becoming fishers of men. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Being in the presence of God everything changes.

Question: Can you name one thing that means everything that you would want the presence of God to change forever?

Scriptures:

Romans 14:7	1 John 4:4	Romans 8:11	Acts 4:12
Philippians 2:9-11	Hosea 2:20	Proverbs 3:6	Genesis 1
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Prayer:

Lord, I want to be and live in Your presence. I love you and I believe that You are who You say You are. Holy Spirit, fill me and lead me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Steps:

Find an Accountability Partner if you don't already have one. Share what you want to do so that you are living in the presence of God everyday.

Notes:
