

We are a
Community





A Community that Eats





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A Community that Shares Life



A Community that Learns



A Community that Prays



A Community that Worships



Praise the LORD.

+ Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

PS 150:1-2

Let everything that has breath
+ praise the LORD.

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PS 150:6

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey.

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But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."

EX 33:1-3

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Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

EX 33:12-16

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

+ And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

EX 3:11-12

A black and white photograph of a crowd of people, likely at a religious service, with many hands raised in the air. The image is dark and slightly blurred, focusing on the gesture of raising hands. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a large, white, sans-serif text quote. A small red plus sign is located in the top right corner of the image.

The purpose
of God's
deliverance
is worship

We thank God for His mighty works of deliverance!



But the purpose of saving us is not just the blessing of freedom, but the freedom to worship and serve God intimately

Ps 84:10

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;

+ I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Ps 134:1-2

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.

+ “I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you. You will still be eating last year’s harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.

I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

LEV 26:9-13

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

REV 21:2-4



“Do you long for me to dwell?
Or do you want me to visit you?”

One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple. – Ps 27:4

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Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek. – Ps 27:7–8



“Do you seek my face
or my blessings?”

“Do you want to know me
or just be blessed by me?”

Seeking His Face

Attentive heart

Tender heart

Humble heart

Teachable heart

Heart able to be moved
by beauty and affection

One heart with others

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

+ May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. **Then the world will know** that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

JOHN 17:22-23



“Do you long for me
like she longs for you?”



“Do we long for God’s presence?”

Reflection questions

Are we a community that love the presence of God?

+ Does He feel welcome to dwell with us or visit with us?

Are our hearts attentive, tender and open to His voice?

Are we pursuing more of His presence in our lives? What does that look like practically?

Can people see the difference God's presence makes in your community?