

Something About Presence

Main Scripture: Acts 2:1-16, 22-24

Additional Scriptures: 1st Cor. 15:3-5, 1st Cor. 2:2, Gal. 6:14, Heb. 10:11-12, Luke 11:9-13

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- “There is something about the presence of God. It turns duty into delight, dreariness into joy, and mundane tasks into holy moments.” Have you ever experienced this? Give some examples of how God’s presence changed your perspective, feelings, or experience in a certain situation.
- **Read 1st Corinthians 15:3-5.** Pastor Mike said we need to keep the first things first. The point of presence, signs, and wonders is to set up sharing the Gospel. Share some stories about how this has happened in your own life.
- **Read Galatians 6:14.** How do you boast in the cross? What does that look like in everyday, 21st century life?
- Pastor Mike talked about how it is better to be steadfast than extreme in your walk with Jesus. Do you agree? Why or why not?
 - Where do you feel you fall on the scale of steadfast vs. extreme?
 - Are you happy with where you are?
 - If not, how can you help change that?
- Pastor Mike said that we have to be grounded in the truth of the Gospel, but we also have to be open to the Spirit moving. How open would you say you are to the Holy Spirit?
 - Do you regularly get promptings from the Holy Spirit in your daily life? Explain and share some testimonies of that.
- **Read Luke 11:9-13.** Pastor Mike used Dustin and Yvette’s wedding as an example of the fact that God *always* shows up when He’s invited. How often do you invite God into what you are doing? Into your marriage? Family? Work? When you are shopping?
 - Where is the hardest place for you to invite Jesus into?

Doing: Application

- Take this next week and make an intentional effort to invite the Holy Spirit into the places in your life where you don’t usually invite Him. Share next week how that has changed those areas of your life.
- Try to boast in the cross this week. Based on your discussion from tonight, try to take what you have learned and apply that to every single day this week. Next week, hold each other accountable to your boasting in the cross!