Message Series: Names of God

Message Title: There: The God who is there

Key Scripture: Ezekiel 49:35 Other Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 3:16,6:19, Hebrews 13:5

Theme

The Bible gives us progressive revelation on who God is. If we know more of God, we become more effective as Christians and subsequently as a church. In the world of the Bible a name proclaimed who someone was. God wants to reveal to us more of who He is in nature and disposition. He makes himself known in many ways and all of us will need to be equipped in knowing more of God. We explore a number of names that God reveals about himself that deepen our understanding and grow our relationship.

Message Summary

This is a name given to the place where God will inhabit. A temple was a holy place set apart for worship and refuge. God promises to never leave you and that He will be with us always. We can see both our body and the body of Christ to be the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and therefore, that has ramifications to our confidence responsibility, our holiness and purity. The last chapters from the prophet Ezekiel give a vision that although Israel associated it to a place, it would be fulfilled in people.

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk: God makes himself known in many ways. How has he revealed himself to you?
- Are you true to who you are?
- Who, or what, do you know God to be? Why would that make any difference?

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people To develop any relationship will always require presence. But for it to be a covenantal relationship, it requires you to be there, you have to be present. How does this deepen relationships with other Christians?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially To develop any relationship will always require presence. But for it to be a covenantal relationship, it requires you to be there, you have to be present. How does this deepen your relationship with God?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities The teaching that God has a THERE is so weighty, and it's even more incredible when we identify, post Jesus and the Holy Spirit that God is there is amongst us (body + head) in a local church and in us Individually through his Holy Spirit. How does this encourage or clarify how you minister to others? Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers In theory, being part of a church is a great opportunity, in practice, it's easy to make a mess of things. A sober warning – if we want a move of God in this nation it starts how we treat God, His Presence, His Church, unity in us and His Holy Spirit in you.

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis 'THERE" is fulfilled in Christ, and Christ's reality is now where the Holy Spirit is.

God is with you and does not change. People will change and can even leave your life, but God never will.

5 "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5 NIV

So seek after and thank God for His presence. Together and in you.