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## IN THE SPIRIT

### Message 10: God's Dwelling Place

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## GROUP GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you grow in your relationship with God and develop meaningful, lasting relationships with others. Get together with friends, or visit [brookwoodchurch.org/groups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/groups) to build some new relationships. *Let's grow stronger together!*

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## CONNECT

Here are some questions to get the conversation rolling.

- Where's your favorite place you've ever lived?
- Share either a burden or joy you experienced recently.

## PRAY

Spend a few minutes in prayer, drawing your attention toward God.

- Begin by taking a few deep breaths to allow your mind and heart to settle.
- Ask God to break through the noise so you can hear His voice.
- Release to God specific people, responsibilities, burdens or areas of life.  
God, I trust you with *this...*, and I trust you with *this...*
- Lord, please use this time to draw my heart closer to You.

# STUDY AND DISCUSSION

This week's study focuses on the idea that God dwells with, and eventually in, His people. Notice the progression throughout the Scriptures: God dwelt in beautiful union with Adam and Eve in Eden. Though their intimacy was broken when they turned away from Him, God continued to dwell with the people He made. He traveled with the Israelites in the tent of meeting, the tabernacle and the temple. In the New Testament, God came to earth in the person of Jesus and dwelt (literally, *tabernacled*, John 1:14) among us. Because of the work of Jesus, His Spirit now fills His church and ultimately dwells in the hearts of those who believe. He has come to make His home in us.

To learn more about the dwelling place of God, read the following Scriptures, then respond to and discuss the questions that follow.

## **In the Garden**

### **Genesis 2:8 (NIV)**

*<sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed.*

### **Genesis 3:6-9 (NIV)**

*<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. <sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

- How would you describe the relationship between God and Adam and Eve?
- Union with God was broken when they ate the fruit. Because of their guilt and shame they hid from God. When have you found yourself hiding from God?
- How did God respond to their hiding?

## **In the Tabernacle and Temple**

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### **Exodus 40:34-37 (NIV)**

*<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted.*

### **1 Kings 8:10-11 (NIV)**

*<sup>10</sup> When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. <sup>11</sup> And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled His temple.*

- What do these passages teach you about God?
- How did the Israelites experience the presence of God?
- Have you ever experienced God this way? Explain.

## **In Jesus**

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### **John 1:14 (NIV)**

*<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made His dwelling [He tabernacled] among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### **Colossians 1:19-20a (NIV)**

*<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things...*

### **Colossians 2:9 (NIV)**

*<sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.*

- How does it feel knowing God came to earth as a man to dwell with us?
- What do these passages teach you about the heart of God and what's available to us?

## **In the Church**

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### **1 Corinthians 3:16, 17b (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*

<sup>17</sup> *...God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.*

### **Ephesians 2:19, 21-22 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, <sup>21</sup>In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.*

- What words or phrases stand out to you in these passages?
- How does God dwell in the church?

## **In You**

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

### **John 7:38-39 (NIV)**

<sup>38</sup> *"Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."*

<sup>39</sup> *By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

- What does it mean that God dwells in you?
- What would it look like for rivers of living water to flow through you this week?

## **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Spend a few minutes in silence and ask God what He wants to say to you. Pay attention to thoughts that come to mind and what stirs in your heart as you wait for Him. Share how you sense God wants you to respond to this week's lesson.

## SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Slowly read and reflect on this passage throughout the week.

Try turning this passage into a prayer!

### **Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)**

*<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

One of the best ways to hear God throughout the day is to memorize Scripture. God often brings His words back to mind at just the right time!

Here's a verse to commit to memory based on this week's theme:

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