



The Presence of God: “God’s Favor Expressed Through God’s Face”

Pastor Miles McPherson / June 3, 2018

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, help us to hear Your voice clearly as we open our eyes each day. Allow us to step into Your Presence each moment, recognizing that You are with us, You go before us, and that Your Spirit guides us daily. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Icebreaker:

Pastor Miles and the leadership were asked the question, what is the purpose of church. As a group makes a list of all of the reasons why people go to church and the purpose of the church.

Encouragement:

God's purpose for each of us individually, and corporately is to come into His presence. Not just on Sunday but every day. Event to event, even hour to hour. We know that He is already here in our presence today. We continuously acknowledge God rightly and wrongly all day. Consider these in your heart and respond to God rightly.

Do we... Desire Him, Seek Him, Think of Him, Hear Him, Sense Him, Miss Him, Love Him?

Will we... Trust Him, Be are refreshed by Him, Obey Him, Follow Him, Run or Hide from Him?

Have we... Proclaimed Him, Been saved by Him, Ignored Him, Cursed Him, Thanked Him?

Scriptures (match up & complete the following verses about God's presence):

Psalm 139:7

Psalm 16:11

Exodus 33:14

Genesis 3:8

Matthew 18:20

James 4:8

Matthew 28:20

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

My presence will go with you.

They hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God.

I am with you always, to the end of the age.

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Where shall I flee from your presence?

There am I among them.

Declare these verses in our times and others times of distance from God. Whenever we have distanced ourselves from Him. Whenever the world forces itself between you and our Father

Prayer:

Everyone has a relationship with Jesus! Some better than others to be sure. As believers our sanctification is an ongoing process that started somewhere in the list below. Our Father has a plan for us as believers and non-believers alike. See where you are now and **ask the Holy Spirit in prayer to lead and guide you along His path.** Make a written plan of what you can do today to move from where you are now to where God wants you tomorrow. Then do the same for your family, your friends, and whomever the Spirit puts on your heart.

Some of the steps or stages of changed lives through a relationship with Jesus range from: Militant atheism, average atheism, a skeptic, an agnostic (not sure), a seeker, a believer, goes to church regularly, is saved, is baptized, attends life class, reads the bible daily, studies the bible daily, public prays & worships, shares their faith, serves in ministry, is giving financially, has a mentor, teaches others, mentors others, leads in ministry.

Next Steps:

Our purpose is to be in the presence of God. To know Him and to make Him known to others. We call this discipling others. Visit the links below to discover what your "Next Step" may be:

ROCK CHURCH DISCIPLE'S PATH: An intense one-year disciple ministry that grows men into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ! To Cultivate and Reproduce Impactful Men Of God who are Spiritual Servant Leaders in their Family, Workplace, Church and Community.
<https://www.sdrock.com/ministries/mens/disciplespath/>

We need your help to transform your campus lobbies into movie sets! If you'd like to be involved, there is a role for everyone to play! **AT THE MOVIES SERIES** begins July 1! Builds for the lobby transformations will take place in June. Text one of the codes above for more information on your local campus. <https://www.sdrock.com/events/19902/>

Our 18th Annual **Women's Retreat** will be held on **August 10-12th** at Murrieta Hot Springs Christian Conference Center. Join us for a Spirit filled weekend including worship, sessions led by special guest speakers from each campus, a Saturday night concert, break out classes, socializing in the coffee house and more. <https://sdrock.brushfire.com/events/442190>

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