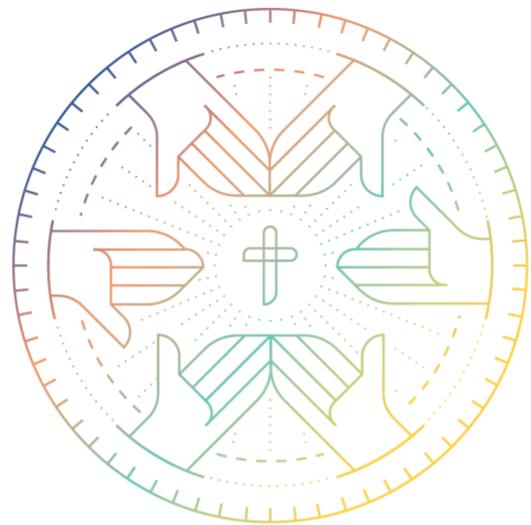


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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

How do you experience the presence of God? Is that an experience you have often? What's that experience like for you?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Last week, we encouraged you to express your care for someone else. Did you spend time last week practicing any of the "DAILY THIS WEEK's"? If so, share your experience with the group.

**Read Mark 15:16-30.** What statement or idea most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

## INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

**Read Matthew 27:45-54.** If you list all the things that happened to Jesus (mocking, etc.) and happened around the cross (darkness, etc.), what stands out to you the most, or what would have most gotten your attention? Why?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 1:29, and Galatians 3:13.** In your own words, how would you explain "The Great Transaction" David talked about?

Do you give that transaction much thought in the normal course of your days?

Would there be a benefit in thinking about it more often? What would that be?

**Read John 2:19 again, and Hebrews 6:19-20.** What does it mean to you that Jesus referred to his body as a temple and then the writer of Hebrews refers to your body and mine as a temple of the Holy Spirit?

## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

God is always with you.

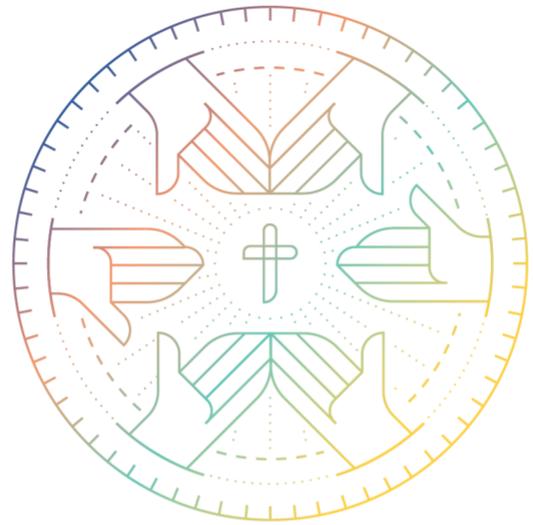
Presence of God:

- When you are lonely, God is your companion – Psalm 16:11; Hebrews 13:5
- When you are worried, God is your confidence – Psalm 23:4
- When you are tempted, God is your counselor – 1 Corinthians 10:13
- When you are discouraged, God is your comforter – Psalm 116:6-9

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Which of the above is most relevant to you today? Why? Discuss among your group.

Can you commit the Bible reference for that particular situation to memory this week?

## **DAILY THIS WEEK** (Choose one of the following)

Place a Sticky note or similar to your bathroom mirror with the verse you're memorizing this week, so you'll practice it morning and evening.

Keep a journal on your phone this week of moments when you felt all alone. Use those notations as opportunities to pray about the circumstances in those moments and for God to strengthen you by his presence when/if those circumstances arise again.

Place something in your pocket each day that whenever you feel or touch it, you'll be reminded that God is with you.

## **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for all that you did for us on the cross. My mind has a hard time grasping the enormity of your suffering and sacrifice. But I know you took my place on the cross and you bore the penalty for my sin. Thank you. With all of my heart, I pledge myself to you today. I worship you, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

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