

THE PARADOX OF GOD'S PRESENCE

2 Samuel 6:1-23

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. GOD IS HOLY
2. GOD IS GOOD
3. GOD HAS MADE THE WAY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Describe a time when you experienced something that made you reevaluate what you thought you knew about God or made you feel distant from God. How did you respond to the situation?
3. We naturally tend to emphasize either God's holiness or God's goodness. Which one have you heard emphasized more in your time in church and which one do you personally seem to focus on more? What are some of the pitfalls of emphasizing one of these aspects of who God is over the other? Why is it important to know that God is both holy and good?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that "God is Holy." What is your understanding of holiness? What are some ways that God's holiness impacts your daily life?
5. If you are never surprised or challenged by who God is, what He allows or what He calls you to do, then you probably aren't following the real God. When was the last time that God bothered you?
6. Another main idea this week was that "God is Good." What are some examples of God's goodness in your life?
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Take some time to talk about the presence of God. Talk about what it is, what your experience has been with it and why it's so important. You can also take some time to bring to light some of the alternate routes we try to get into God's presence outside of the ONE way God has made through Jesus.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: We don't get to decide what God is like but we do get to decide how we respond to Him.