



**Message Date:** December 3, 2023

**Message Text:** John 1:1-18

**Message Title:** God Dwells With Us

**Big Idea:** God has always moved toward dwelling with His creation.

**Questions:**

1. Share about something that amazes other people but doesn't surprise you because you expect it. Follow up with: Does the awe of others remind you of the incredible & astounding thing that you forget to be amazed by?
2. Read 2 Chronicles 7:1-5. Consider the reaction of the people to God's presence among them. How does this impact your view of God?
3. Read John 1:1-18. What does God's intention to dwell with us over time teach you about Him?
4. Which form of incarnation helps you see God's desire to be among His people most clearly? (Garden/Tabernacle & Temple/Incarnation of Jesus/Holy Spirit/New Heaven & Earth)
5. It is easy to forget that God is among us and that we aren't alone, even if this reality is intangible. What does it look like for you to feel near to God?
6. Other times, we want to hide from God because His intervention would require us to face our sin or His power. In what areas of your life do you struggle to invite God in?
7. In what ways do you feel powerless? How can you imagine embracing the Holy Spirit's power to change your life?
8. Take some time as a group to pray for the Holy Spirit to move in our city here & now. May God's ability to transform and restore give each of you hope as we try to bring the light of Jesus to our broken world - especially during this difficult holiday season.