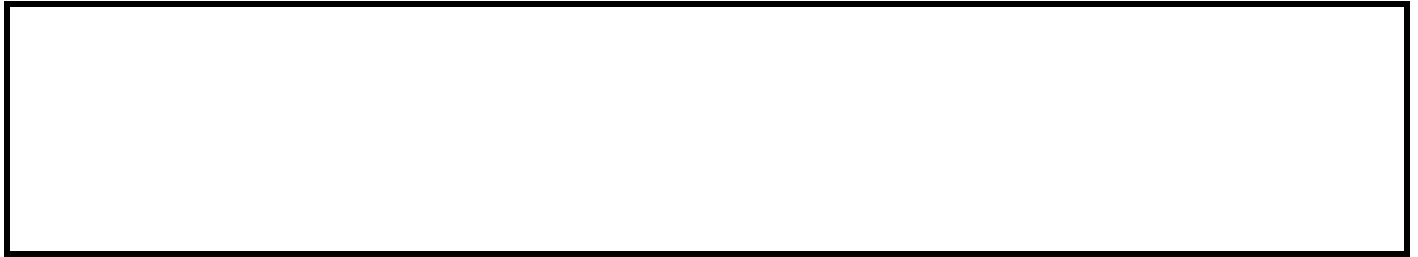


Names of Jesus:



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' PRESENCE

John 1:1 *"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God"*

John 1:14 *"The WORD became flesh and dwelt among us"*

Philippians 2:6-7 *"...although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."*

- Jesus went to great lengths to make himself available us
 - Word became flesh
 - Kenosis (Phillipians 2:5-11)
 - Experienced the limitations of a human being
 - Willingly Humbled himself
 - His Glory was veiled
- Emmanuel (God with us)
 - He came to be with us not just near us

THE POWER OF JESUS' PRESENCE

Mark 5

- Jesus presence is for everyone
 - The demon possessed man who was acting against God
 - Jarius who worked for God
 - The woman who believed she wasn't worthy of God
- There is healing in his wings
 - Malachi 4:2
- His presence > His presents
 - Many people come to Jesus, hoping to receive his presents, when the true gift of Jesus is found in his presence.

THE BLESSING OF JESUS' PRESENCE

Matthew 5 – *"Blessed are the..."*

- Salvation is found in the presence of Jesus
- Transformation is found in the presence of Jesus
- Blessing is given through the presence of Jesus

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

Margin is something that has to be intentionally built into our lives. The first step often includes identifying what areas of our lives we need to build margin into. Below is an exercise that will help you identify areas to build margin.

SETTING GOOD MARGIN EXERCISE: (Adapted from Richly Rooted)

The goal is to set your margins first, and fit the rest of your life inside of them. Think about what gives you margin. What gives you room to breathe so that the rest of your life doesn't feel so frazzled? Considering your margins could go something like this:

I want margin in my mornings so I can _____ (have a morning routine, enjoy my coffee, do my devotions, avoid morning conflict and stress in the house)

I want margin in my evenings so I can _____ (read a book, visit with neighbors/friends, take a bath, tidy the house, watch the sunset)

I want margin between each scheduled activity so I can _____ (not be late to things, catch my breath and pray about what I just did and what I'm about to do, eat a snack, go overtime if needed)

I want to build margin on the weekends so I can _____ (simplify something, take a walk around my neighborhood, be spontaneous)

I want to build margin over the holidays so I can _____ (finish preparations without feeling stressed, sit down and talk with relatives, say 'yes' to a last minute invitation from a new friend/acquaintance)

The ultimate goal of building margin into your life is to increase your ability to be present: physically present, emotionally present, mentally present to God and those around you. What steps will you take to increase your availability in these ways over 2020:

Physical Presence?

Emotional Presence?

Mental Presence?