PRESENCE | Genesis 3 God in the Garden | 12.05.10

God's presence is all around and Scripture speaks clearly of his majesty and glory. This 4-week series will display the splendor of the presence of God from the beginning to the end. Take time this Christmas season to celebrate the 'presence' of God.

Growth Questions for 12/5 - 12/12

- 1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
- 2. What was God's relationship with Adam and Eve like? (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-24)
- 3. What promise is given in Genesis 3:15? Why is this promise so important? How do we see this promise fulfilled in the person of Jesus?
- 4. What can we understand about God's way of relating from Genesis 3:8-9? Was hiding necessary? How might you characterize God's confrontation with them? Is it what you might expect?
- 5. What does it mean to you to "walk with God"?
- 6. Genesis 3:8 could be read, "Adam and Eve hid themselves from the face of the Lord God." What image does this evoke? How is your relationship affected when you disobey God? Do you think God hides His face from you?

Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go

- 1. Consider what your life would be like if this Christmas season you did everything possible to place your attention and focus upon Jesus. What would be the same and/or different from previous years?
- 2. How should a clear focus upon Jesus during the Christmas season impact people in your family, your community, and your circles of influence?
- 3. Make a list of things that come between you and God. Take them to Him in prayer and renounce them. Repent and be restored.
- 4. Are there ways that you choose to avoid God's presence? What difference would it make in your life if you stopped?

5. How would you describe your current relationship with God? Tight? Intimate? Distant? Half-hearted? Non-existent? Is there anything specific you can do about it?

<u>C@M CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> – On 12.12.10 immediately following the morning worship experience The Church at Martinsburg will be hosting a Christmas Party at the Purple Iris

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE</u> – On Friday, December 24 at 6:30pm The Church at Martinsburg will be gathering at the Regal Cinemas to worship Jesus on the eve of his birth! Be a part and bring your friends, your family, and those far from God.

...to proclaim the Gospel and reach those far from God.