

Westwood Baptist Church



Grounded. Growing. Going.

Worship Guide for March 26, 2023

Sermon Notes

Responding to God's Holy Presence

1 Samuel 6:1-7:1

In today's passage, both the Philistines and the Israelites living in Beth-Shemesh discover that the reality of the presence of God is not to be taken lightly. God is holy, and that has great ramifications for how we—especially as sinners—respond and relate to him. Over the last few chapters in 1 Samuel, we have seen that God will not allow himself to be anyone's good-luck charm (ch 4) or trophy (ch 5), and now we will see that he will not allow himself to be anyone's novelty. We will also be reminded that **right response to God is rooted in right knowledge of God**. Circumstances might lead us to ask the right questions, but we must look to God alone and submit to him alone in the response of our lives to him.

I. The Response of the Philistines (pagans) [6:1-12]

II. The Response of the people of Beth-Shemesh (Israelites) [6:13-7:1]

APPLICATIONS:

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."
- Colossians 3:16a

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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MARCH

31 Mom 2 Mom Spring Consignment Sale

APRIL

1 Mom 2 Mom Spring Consignment Sale
6 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
7 Good Friday - Church Office Closed
9 Easter Sunrise Service @ Hyco @ 6:30 a.m.
9 Easter Fellowship Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m.
9 Easter Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.
12 Evangelism Class-Session 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
20 BBA Spring Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
26 Evangelism Class-Session 5 @ 6:30 p.m.