

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for November 26, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### **The Terrible Yet Beautifully Necessary Presence of God**

2 Samuel 6

David not only sought to identify Jerusalem as the political center of the nation, but also as the religious center. The religious center would be found where God's presence resided; therefore, the ark needed to be brought and placed there. But, as the story of the ark's passage to Jerusalem unfolds, we see the profound juxtaposition found in God's presence that confronts us all concerning this truth of God's holiness: His presence is not at all safe for anything unholy, yet his presence is infinitely beautiful, and absolutely necessary for life and flourishing. What we learn from this difficult chapter is the truth that God intends for his people to dwell in his presence, but his people can do that only by being in right relationship with him. And it is only in Christ that we can dwell in his terrible yet beautiful presence.

3 vitally important reminders for us from 2 Samuel 6:

1. God is **HOLY**. (v. 3-11)

2. God is **GOOD**. (v. 12)

3. God is **WORTHY**. (v. 13-23)

## 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:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### NOVEMBER

26 Church Christmas Decorating  
29 BBA Ministry Assistant's Luncheon

#### DECEMBER

1-2 AHG Lock-in  
2 Leaf Clean-up For Seniors @ 8:00am  
3 Children's Christmas Musical @ 6:00pm  
5 BBA Pastor's Christmas Dinner @ 6:00 pm  
**13 MEMBER'S MEETING @ 6:30pm**  
17 Meet Someone New Fellowship @ 10am  
17 Deacon's Christmas Luncheon @ 12pm