

Sermon Guide

The King is Here: A Dwelling Place

We have placed a focus on this year in our church as a year of connection with God. Our desire is to become a consecrated place for the Lord to dwell, individually and as a family.

As Bria taught us further through Luke 11 on Sunday, we saw that this consecration does not happen by accident. If we are the house that God intends to dwell in, our love cannot be divided. We are for Him or against Him. If we are the house that God intends to dwell in, we must give Him ownership and authority over the house. This is a blessed way to live because it's what we were made for - dependence on and complete surrender to Him.

When we live this way, we will see heaven come to earth in us and through us. May it be so in Jesus' name.

Go Deeper.

Our desire is that every person would be empowered to have a deep and intimate relationship with God. We want people to not just hear a word on a Sunday, but get activated in whatever the Holy Spirit is doing throughout the week. The guide is a tool for you to dive deeper into what God is doing in you and through you as an ambassador of the Kingdom.

You can work through these activations and questions on your own or in a group setting. If you are doing them in a group, take turns leading. After each activation, take time to pray into whatever the Holy Spirit is speaking. It is also encouraged to have a journal and Bible with you.

For each activation focus will be key. We become like what we give our attention to, and one of the best ways to worship is to focus. Often we will ask that you close your eyes, if this helps you focus, then great, if it's something else that helps you focus, then do that.

Before each activation, take a moment to be still before the Lord. These are not exercises to rush through or items on a to-do list to check off. They are invitations to commune with God and to go deeper. Turn your attention toward Him and invite Him into this time.

Questions

- What is dwelling in your heart that is not God?
- What do you need to sacrifice to be consecrated to the Lord?
- Where in your life do you need to let Him be the strong man?
- Is God just a guest in your house?

Activation #1

Bria talked on Sunday about how our affections cannot be divided, that He must be our vision.

Ask the Lord to show you, in your mind, where your affections are.

Write or draw in your journal what you see.

Ask Him to show you what it looks like for you to turn your affections towards Him, to make Him your vision again.

Activation #2

Often times we let God be a guest in our house instead of letting Him be the owner.

Ask God why you have not given Him the deed to your house.

Write down in your journal what you hear.

Ask Him to show you what your house looks like. Where do you let God stay? Are there any rooms in your house that you keep locked?

If you are at a place where it's time to hand the deed over to God and give Him the keys, pray this prayer:

King Jesus,

I want you to be the owner of my house. I give you the keys, access to every room. Please come and dwell here. Do as you see fit. I believe that you having ownership of my house will bless me and give me abundant life. Thank you for loving me to such a degree that you would reside in me.

Amen.

Ways to Pray

We believe that prayer changes things. This week, we invite you as the church to pray with us:

- That we would be a consecrated people, willing to sacrifice anything to see God move in mighty ways.
- That many people would come to believe as a result of the new evangelism efforts.
- For our kids ministry - that the Spirit of God would be made real to the next generation.